

CHESS NOTES

VOL.3



2025

**Black Knights
Tango**

☐ **Harsha,Bharathakoti** **E10**
2550
☒ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d5 Ne7 7.e4 d6
8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0**
9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 exd5! 11.cxd5 c6
12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 -0.04/20

[13.Be3± 0.32/22]

13...d5= 14.exd5 Nexd5 15.Bg5 h6
16.Bh4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bg4 18.Be2
-0.50/22

[18.Bb5= -0.02/19 feels stronger. Re6
 (18...cxb5 19.Nxd5 Pin g5 20.Nc7±)
 19.Bc4]

18...Qb6 And now ...Nxc3 would win.
19.h3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bf5 Black has
 the initiative. **21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Rxd3**
Ne4 -0.06/22

[22...Qc5 -0.69/21]

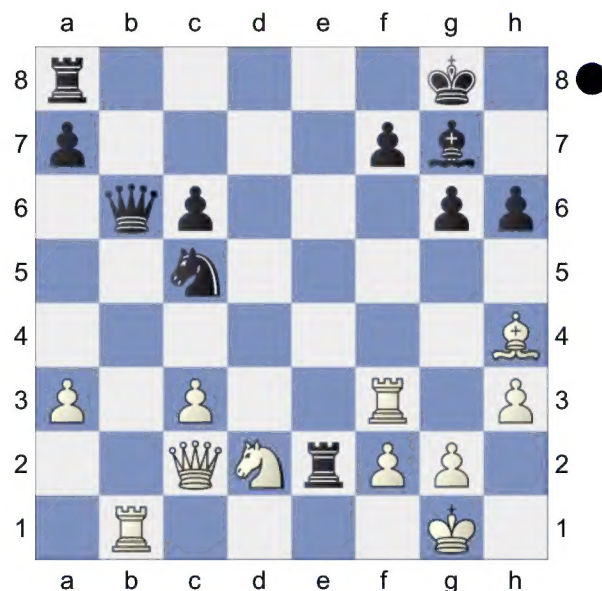
23.Nd2 -0.61/21

[White should try 23.Re1= -0.06/22]

23...Nc5 Black is much more active.

24.Rf3 Re2 25.Rb1? -2.97/20

[Better is 25.Qd1! -0.57/18 Rae8
 26.Nf1]



25...Rxd2! Remove Defender, Deflection.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/
 Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

☐ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **D02**
2745
☒ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2909**
 Wch Blitz Almaty (11) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

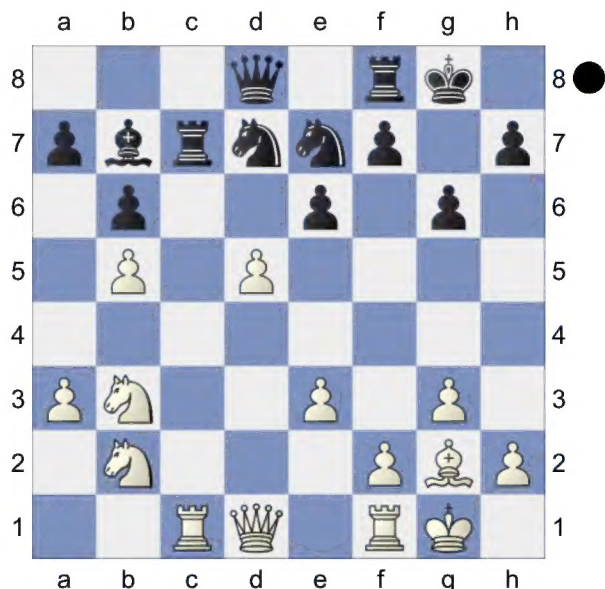
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 [7.d5 Ne7 8.Nc3 d6 9.e4 a6 10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.Be3 g5 13.h4 gxh4 14.Nxh4 Ng6 15.Nxg6 fxg6 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bf3 Rf8 18.c5 Bh3 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Na4 b5 21.Kh2 Rb8 1-0 (36) Wiesner,N (2640)-Korshunov,S (2305) British CC Ch 1991 (2)]

7...d5 8.Bb2 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Rc1 Rc8 11.e3 Ne7 0.86/21
 [11...Nb4± 0.41/22]
 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Nd3 0.18/19
 [13.Nxd7± 0.64/20 Qxd7 14.Qc2]
 13...c5= 14.dxc5 Bxb2 15.Nxb2 Nxc5 16.b4 Nd7 17.Nb3 Rc7 18.a3 Ba6 19.b5 Bb7 20.cxd5



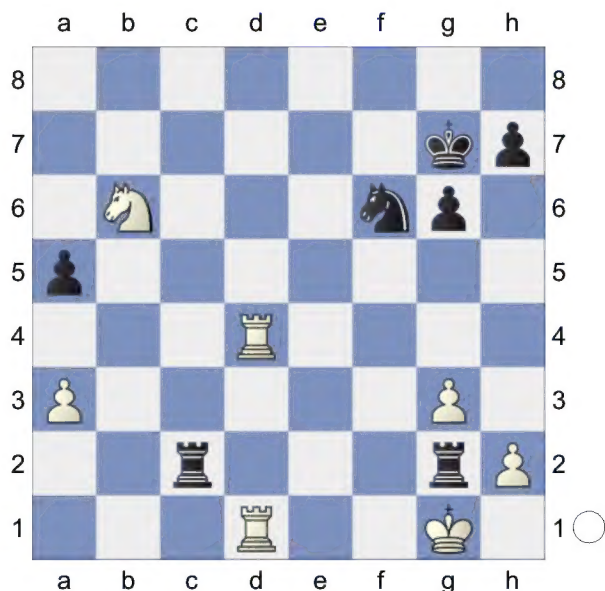
Strongly threatening Rxc7. 20...Nxd5 21.Qd2 N5f6 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Nc4 Rc7 24.f3 -0.02/22 Wards off Ne4
 [White should play 24.Nd4± 0.50/19]
 24...Nc5 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.Ne5 Rd5

27.f4 Nfe4 28.Nd4 f6 29.Nec6 Kf7 30.Rc2 a5 0.33/21
 [30...Kg7= -0.07/22]
 31.Rfc1 -0.70/22
 [White should try 31.bxa6± 0.33/21 Nxa6 32.Rb1]
 31...Rcd7 32.Kg2 Nd3 33.Rd1 -1.03/21
 [33.Nb8! 34.Rd1]
 33...Ndc5 -0.55/20
 [33...Rc5! 34.Rxc5 Ndx5]
 34.Rdc1 e5 35.fxe5 fxe5 36.Nf3 -0.81/19
 [36.Rf1+! Kg8 37.Nf3]
 36...Nd3 37.Rf1 Kg7
 [37...Rxb5? is the wrong capture. 38.Nfxe5+ (38.Ng5+ Kg7+-) 38...Ke8 39.Nxd7+-]
 [37...Ke6 seems wilder. 38.Nb8 Rb7 39.Nc6 Rc7]
 38.Rc4 -1.32/23
 [38.Rd1 39.Nc6 Rc7]
 38...Nd6↑ Keeping White busy. 39.Rc2 Nf5 -0.98/20
 [39...Rxb5 -1.44/23 40.a4 Rd5]
 40.Re2 Hoping for e4. 40...Rxb5 ...Rd6 is the strong threat. 41.e4 Ne7 0.00/23
 [41...Nd6 aiming for ...Rc5. 42.Ng5 Nb7]
 42.Nxe7? -2.00/20
 [42.Nb8= 0.00/23 and White has nothing to worry. Rd6 43.Rc2]
 42...Rxe7+ 43.Rd2 Rb3 44.Rfd1 Nc5 45.Rd5 Nxe4 46.Nxe5 -4.36/19
 [46.R1d3 -3.00/18 Rxd3 47.Rxd3]
 46...Rb2+
 [Don't do 46...Rxa3 47.Rd7 Rxd7 48.Rxd7+ Kf6 49.Nc4+-]
 47.Kg1 Nf6 48.Nc4 Rc2 49.R5d4 -3.51/23
 [49.Re5 -2.10/24 was the only defense. Rxe5 50.Nxe5]

49...Ree2 50.Nxb6? -5.43/20

[50.R4d2 -2.77/19 Rxd2 51.Nxd2]

50...Rg2+



Deflection. Black is clearly winning.

51.Kf1 Rxh2 52.Kg1 -7.15/20

Wards off Rh1+

[Δ52.Rh4 -4.62/18 Rhf2+ 53.Kg1]

52...Rcg2+ 53.Kf1 Nh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=0.25 (precise)

0-1

D02

□ Sarana,Alexey

2708

■ Nakamura,Hikaru

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30.12.2022

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7...d5 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Bb2 Bb7

10.Qc2!? An interesting side line.

Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

10...Rc8 11.Rac1 Ne7 0.91/24

[11...a5± 0.52/20 might be stronger.]

12.cxd5±

[Data server:: 12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Ne5
0.46/20 (13.e3± 0.82/21) 13...Nd7
1.04/21 (13...c5± 0.46/20) 14.Nd3

0.67/19 (14.cxd5± 1.04/21 exd5
15.Bh3) 14...Nf6 1.18/21 (14...Nf5±
0.67/19) 15.Ne5 0.40/18 (15.cxd5±
1.18/21 exd5 16.Bh3) 15...h5

1.19/18 (15...c5± 0.40/18) 16.e4
0.49/22 (16.cxd5± 1.19/18 exd5
17.Bh3) 16...dxe4± 17.Nxe4 Nxe4

18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 1-0 (33)
Grischuk,A (2759)-Xu,X (2576)
Khanty-Mansiysk 2019]

12...exd5 13.Ne5 0.46/19

[13.Bh3± 0.99/21 Nd7 14.Ne5]

13...c5± 14.dxc5 bxc5 0.97/19

[14...Rxc5± 0.36/20 15.Qb1 Nf5]

15.Rfd1 0.30/19 White has more active

pieces.

[15.Nd3± 0.97/19]

15...Qa5 0.93/20

[15...Nf5= 0.30/19]

16.e3 Rfd8 17.a3 Ne8 18.Nd3 Bxb2

19.Qxb2 Qb6 20.b4 c4 21.Nf4 Nf6

1.59/17

[21...Ba8± 0.57/20]

22.Nxc4!± Deflection 22...Rxc4 2.05/18

[22...dxc4± 1.50/23 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8

24.Bxb7 Deflection (24.Rxc4? Rd1+

25.Bf1 Nf5-+) 24...Qxb7 25.Qxf6

Rd7]

23.Rxc4+- dxc4 24.Rxd8+ Overworked

Piece 24...Qxd8 25.Bxb7

[25.Qxf6 Qd1+ 26.Bf1 Qf3=]

25...Nf5 26.Bf3 Prevents Qd1+ 26...g5

27.Nh5 Nxh5 28.Bxh5 Endgame. KQB-

KQN 28...Qd5 29.Be2 Nd6 30.Qc3

1.26/23

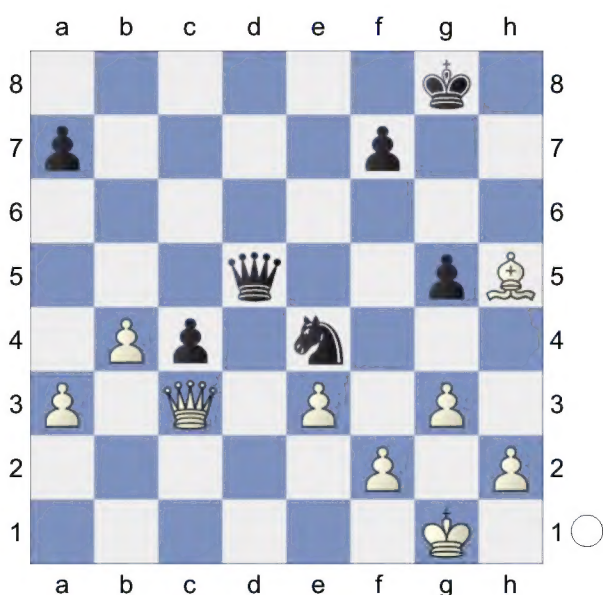
[Better is 30.a4+- 2.26/22]

30...h5 1.67/22 31.Bxh5 1.02/20

[White should play 31.a4!+- 1.67/22]

31...Ne4? 3.12/20

[31...Nb5± 1.02/20 32.Qf6 Nd6]



32.Qc2! Hoping for Bf3. 32...Nd2

4.14/20

[32...Qf5 2.87/21 might work better.

33.Bd1 (33.Qxc4 Qxf2+ 34.Kh1

Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qd2+ 36.Qe2 Qd7+-;

33.f3 Nxg3 34.Bxf7+ Qxf7±)

33...Qe6]

33.Be2 f5 34.a4? 1.54/18

[34.g4+- 4.39/21]

34...g4± 35.b5 a5 is the strong threat.

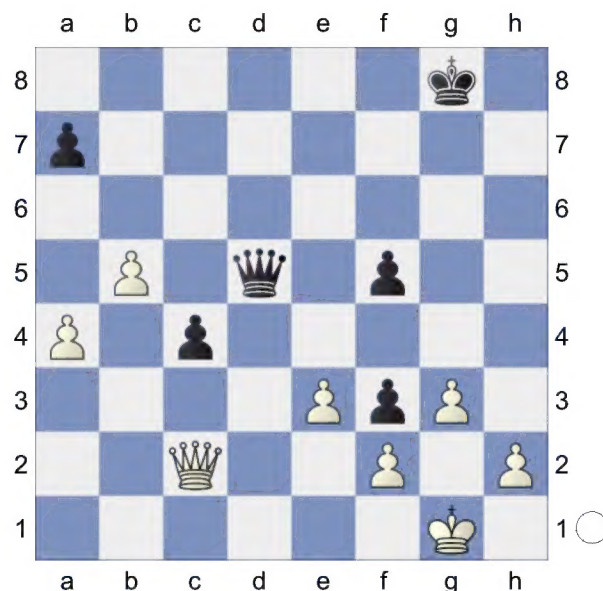
35...Nf3+? 3.36/23

[35...Kf7± 1.03/24 was necessary.

36.Qc3 Nf3+ 37.Kf1 (37.Bxf3 gxf3

38.Qe1 c3-+) 37...Ne5]

36.Bxf3+- gxf3



KQ-KQ 37.Kf1! c3 38.Qxc3 Qd1+

39.Qe1 Qxa4 40.Qb1 Kg7 41.h3

aiming for Kg1!

[41.Qxf5? Qd1#]

41...Kg6? 5.64/21

[41...Qc4+ 3.21/21 was worth a try.

42.Kg1 Qe2 43.Qa1+ (43.Qxf5?

Qe1+ Deflection 44.Kh2 Qxf2+

45.Kh1 Qg2#) 43...Kg8]

42.g4 Kh6 43.gxf5 -9.13/20

[43.Qxf5? Qd1#]

[43.b6+- 4.10/18 Qa6+ 44.Kg1 Qxb6

45.Qxf5]

43...Kg5?? 6.39/20

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45.Kf1 Qg2+ 46.Ke1 Qh1+ (46...Qxh3? is the wrong capture. 47.Qe4+-) 47.Kd2 Qxb1 48.f6 Qb2+ (48...Qxb5 leads to mate. 49.f7 Qe2+ 50.Kc3 Kg7 51.h4 Qxf2 52.e4 Qe3+ 53.Kb4 f2 54.h5 f1Q 55.h6+ Kxf7 56.h7 Qb1+ 57.Ka4 Qexe4+ 58.Ka5 Qb6#) 49.Kd3 Qxf2 50.f7 Qe2+ (50...Kg7 51.Ke4 Kxf7 52.b6 axb6 53.Kf4 Qe2 54.Ke5 f2 55.Kd6 Qc4 56.h4 Qc5+ 57.Kd7 f1R 58.e4 Rd1#) 51.Ke4 Kg7 (51...Qxb5 52.f8Q+ Kg6 53.Qg8+ Kf6 54.Qf8+ Ke6 55.Qh6+ Ke7 56.Qg7+ Ke8 57.Qg8+ Ke7 58.Qh7+ Kf6 59.Qh6+ Kf7 60.Qh7+ Ke6 61.Qh6+ Ke7 62.Kxf3=; 51...Qc4+ 52.Kxf3 Qxf7+ 53.Kg3 Qg6+ 54.Kf3 Qf5+ 55.Ke2 Qxb5+ 56.Kf2 a5 57.h4 a4 58.Kg2 a3 59.Kh3 a2 60.Kh2 Qe2+ 61.Kh3 a1Q 62.h5 Qf3+ 63.Kh4 Qah1#) 52.f8R Kxf8 53.b6 axb6 54.h4 f2 55.Ke5 Qb5+ (55...f1R 56.Kd5 Rf5+ 57.Kd4 Qd2+ 58.Kc4 Rc5+ 59.Kb3 Rb5+ 60.Kc4 Rb4#) 56.Ke6 f1Q (56...f1B 57.Kf6 Qh5 58.e4 Bh3 59.e5 Qh6#; 56...Qc6+ 57.Kf5 f1Q+ 58.Kg5 Qcf6+ 59.Kh5 Q1f5#) 57.Kd6 Qf7 58.e4 Qe7#]

44.Kg1 Qh4 45.Qd1 Threatens to win with Qd8+. 45...Qe4 46.Qd8+ Kxf5 47.Qf8+ Kg6 48.Qd6+ Kh7 49.Kh2 Qf5 50.Qc7+ Kh8 51.Qb8+ Kh7 52.Qxa7+ Kh6 53.Qb6+ Kh5 54.Qd6 Qxb5 55.Qf4 Qc6 56.Kg3 Qc1 57.Qxf3+ Kg5 58.Qf4+ Kh5 59.Kg2 Qa1 60.Qg4+ Kh6 61.h4 Kh7 62.Qf5+ Kh8 63.h5 Qa8+ 64.Kg3 Qb8+ 65.Kg4 h6 would now be deadly. 65...Qb4+ 66.e4 Qe1 67.Qe5+ Kh7 68.Qf5+ Kh8 69.Qf6+ Kh7 70.Qe7+ Kh8 71.Qe5+ Kh7 72.f3 Qg1+ 73.Qg3 Qa7 74.Qd6 Strongly

threatening f4. 74...Qg1+ 75.Kf5 White threatens Qg6+ and mate. 75...Qf1 76.Qg6+ Kh8 77.Qh6+ Kg8 78.Qe6+ Kh7 79.f4 34.24/26 [♠79.Kf6 #21/29 Qg2 80.Qf7+ Kh8 81.Qe8+ Qg8 82.Qxg8+ Kxg8 83.e5 Kf8 84.e6]

79...Qh3+ 80.Kf6 Qc3+ 81.Qe5 59.73/27 [♠81.e5 #14/27 Qc7 82.Qf7+ Qxf7+ 83.Kxf7 Kh6 84.e6 Kxh5 85.e7 Kg4 86.e8Q (86.e8B Kxf4=)]

81...Qc6+ 82.Kg5 Intending Qf5+ and mate. 82...Qc1 83.Qe7+ White mates. 83...Kh8 84.e5 Qg1+ 85.Kh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.61

1-0

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[11...Qe7± 0.55/20]

12.cxd5±

[12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Ne5 0.43/20 (13.e3± 0.86/22) 13...Nd7 1.10/20 (13...c5± 0.43/20) 14.Nd3 0.70/20 (Better is 14.cxd5± 1.10/20 exd5 15.Bh3) 14...Nf6 15.Ne5 0.52/20 (15.b4± 1.00/18) 15...h5 1.27/18 (15...c5± 0.52/20) 16.e4 0.55/22 (16.cxd5± 1.27/18 exd5 17.Bh3) 16...dxe4± 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4]

12...exd5 13.Ne5 0.47/20

[13.Bh3± 1.03/22 Nd7 14.b4]

13...c5± 14.dxc5 bxc5 0.87/18

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[15.Nd3± 0.87/18]

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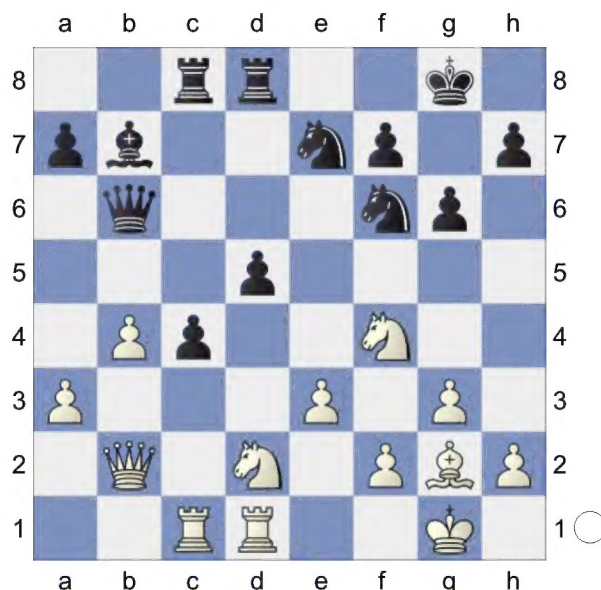
[15...Nf5± 0.41/21]

16.e3 Rfd8 17.a3 Ne8 18.Nd3 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Qb6 20.b4 c4 21.Nf4 Nf6 1.55/19

[Black should try 21...Ba8± 0.67/19]

(Diagram)

22.Nxc4!± Deflection 22...Rxc4



[22...dxc4 23.Rxd8+]

23.Rxc4 dxc4 24.Rxd8+ Deflection

24...Qxd8 25.Bxb7

[25.Qxf6 Qd1+ 26.Bf1 Qf3=]

25...Nf5 26.Bf3 Dodges Qd1+ 26...g5

27.Nh5 Nxh5 28.Bxh5+- Endgame.

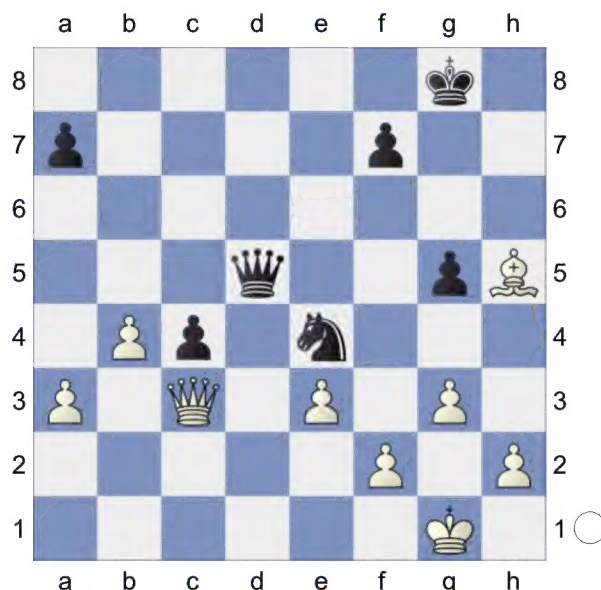
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[31...Nb5!± 0.61/20 32.Qf6 c3]



32.Qc2! Nd2 33.Be2 f5 34.a4?

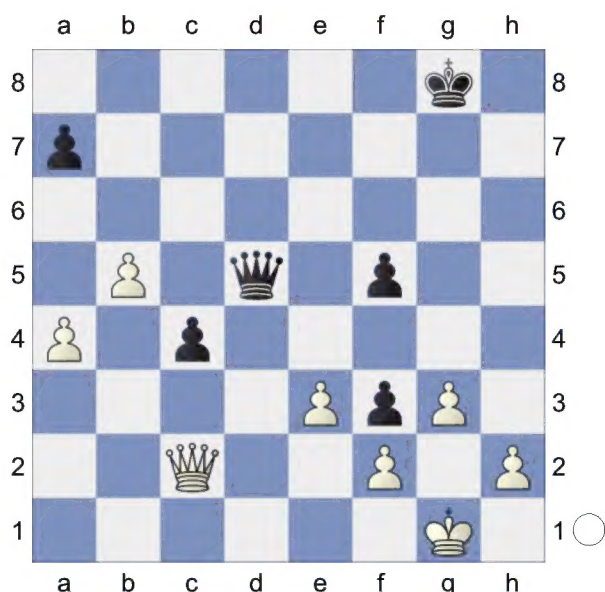
1.42/19

[34.g4+- 4.43/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

34...g4± 35.b5 aiming for a5. 35...Nf3+? 3.66/24

[35...Kf7± 1.13/23 36.Qc3 Nf3+ 37.Kf1 (37.Bxf3 gxf3 38.Qe1 c3-+) 37...Nxh2+ 38.Ke1 (38.Kg1 Nf3+ 39.Kf1 Ke6±) 38...Nf3+ 39.Bxf3 gxf3]

36.Bxf3+- gxf3



KQ-KQ 37.Kf1! c3 5.03/28

[Δ37...Kf7 3.21/20 38.Ke1 Ke7]

38.Qxc3 Qd1+ 39.Qe1 Qxa4 40.Qb1 Kg7 41.h3

[41.Qxf5? Qd1#]

41...Kg6? 5.30/21

[41...Qc4+ 3.25/19 42.Kg1 Qe2]

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[43.Qxf5? Qd1#]

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43...Kg5?? 6.73/19

[43...Qc4+- -11.85/21 44.Kg1 Qg8+ 45.Kf1 Qg2+ 46.Ke1 Qh1+ (46...Qxh3? is the wrong capture. 47.Qe4+-) 47.Kd2 Qxb1 48.f6 Qb2+

(48...Qxb5 leads to mate. 49.Kc3 Qe2 50.e4 Qxf2 51.f7 Qe3+ 52.Kc4 Kg7 53.Kd5 f2 54.f8R Kxf8 55.Ke6 f1Q 56.Kd6 Qb6+ 57.Ke5 Qff6+ 58.Kd5 Qfe6#) 49.Kd3 Qxf2 50.f7 Kg7 51.Ke4 Kxf7 52.b6 axb6 53.Kf4 Qe2 54.h4 f2 55.Ke5 Qb5+ (55...f1R 56.Kd6 Qc2 57.Ke5 Qd3 58.e4 Qc3+ 59.Kd6 Rd1#) 56.Ke4 f1Q (56...f1B 57.Kf4 Bg2 58.e4 Qe2 59.e5 Qf3+ 60.Kg5 Bh3 61.e6+ Kg7 62.h5 Qg4#) 57.h5 Qbf5+ 58.Kd4 Q1d3#]

44.Kg1 Qh4 45.Qd1 Qe4 46.Qd8+ Kxf5 47.Qf8+ Kg6 48.Qd6+ Kh7 49.Kh2 Qf5 50.Qc7+ Kh8 51.Qb8+ Kh7 52.Qxa7+ Kh6 53.Qb6+ Kh5 54.Qd6 Qxb5 55.Qf4 Qc6 56.Kg3 Qc1 57.Qxf3+ Kg5 58.Qf4+ Kh5 59.Kg2 Qa1 60.Qg4+ Kh6 61.h4 Kh7 62.Qf5+ Kh8 63.h5 Black must now prevent Qf8+. 63...Qa8+ 64.Kg3 Qb8+ 65.Kg4 Qb4+ 66.e4 Qe1 67.Qe5+ Kh7 68.Qf5+ Kh8 69.Qf6+ Kh7 70.Qe7+ Kh8 71.Qe5+ 26.65/29

[Δ71.f4 #24/27 Kg8 72.h6 Qg1+ 73.Kf5 Kh8 74.Qg5 Qc5+ 75.Kg6 Qd6+ 76.Qf6+ Qxf6+ 77.Kxf6]

71...Kh7 72.f3 Qg1+ 73.Qg3 Qa7 74.Qd6 Qg1+ 75.Kf5 Intending Qg6+ and mate. 75...Qf1 76.Qg6+ Kh8 77.Qh6+ Kg8 78.Qe6+ Kh7 79.f4 24.91/27

[Δ79.Kf6 #25/25 Qg2 80.Qf7+ Kh8 81.Qe8+ Qg8 82.Qxg8+ Kxg8 83.e5 Kf8 84.e6]

79...Qh3+ 80.Kf6 White wants to mate with Qf7+. 80...Qc3+ 81.Qe5 23.59/27

[Δ81.e5 #16/26 Qc7 82.Qf7+ Qxf7+ 83.Kxf7 Kh6 84.e6 Kxh5 85.e7 Kg4 86.e8Q (86.e8B Kxf4=)]

81...Qc6+ 82.Kg5 24.79/27

[Δ82.Qe6 #17/29 Qb7 83.Qf7+

Qxf7+ 84.Kxf7 Kh6 85.e5 Kxh5
86.e6 Kg4 87.e7]
82...Qc1 83.Qe7+ White mates.
83...Kh8 84.e5 Qg1+ 85.Kh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/
Black=0.64
1-0

□ Gukesh,Dommaraju E11 2730

■ Praggananandhaa,Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Mar Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
(2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Nbd2 d6 6.Bg2 0-0 0.66/21

[6...a5!= 0.26/22]

7.0-0!± e5 8.d5 Bxd2 9.Nxd2
White is better. 9...Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.b3
Na6 12.a3 Bg4 13.Qc2 Qd7 1.03/25

[13...Bh5± 0.63/21]

14.Bb2± Bh3 15.Rae1 Bxg2 16.Kxg2
Qe7 17.f4 Nd7 18.Nf3 f6 19.Kh1
Rab8 1.39/21

[19...Nac5± 0.70/20]

20.Bc3 White is more active. 20...Rfc8
2.01/20

[20...b6± 1.25/18 is a better defense.
21.Nh4 Nac5]

21.Bxa5+- c6 22.Qd1 Kh8 23.Rf2 b5
2.53/20

[23...Nac5± 1.57/20]

24.dxc6 Rxc6 25.cxb5 Rxb5 26.b4
Rb8 27.Rd2 exf4 3.57/22

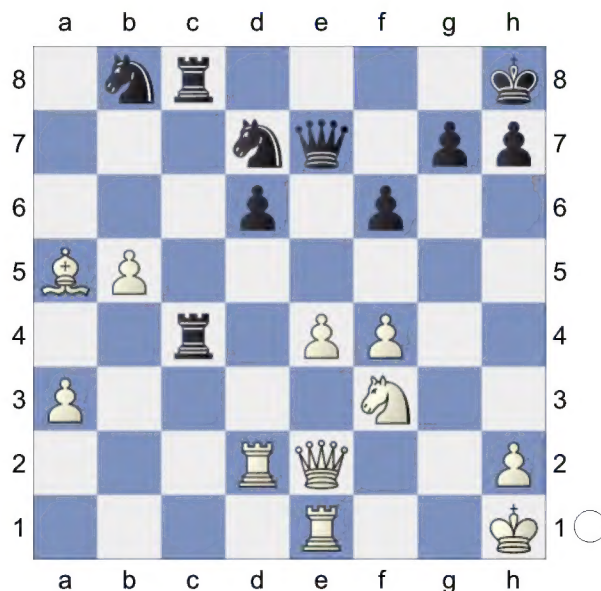
[Δ27...Nc7 2.16/21 28.a4 Ne8]

28.gxf4 Rbc8 29.Qe2 b5 would now be
deadly. 29...Rc4 30.b5 1.67/20

[Δ30.Nd4 3.24/18 And now Nf5 would
win. Rc1 31.Nf5]

30...Nab8? 3.73/20

[30...Ra4 1.67/20 was necessary.]



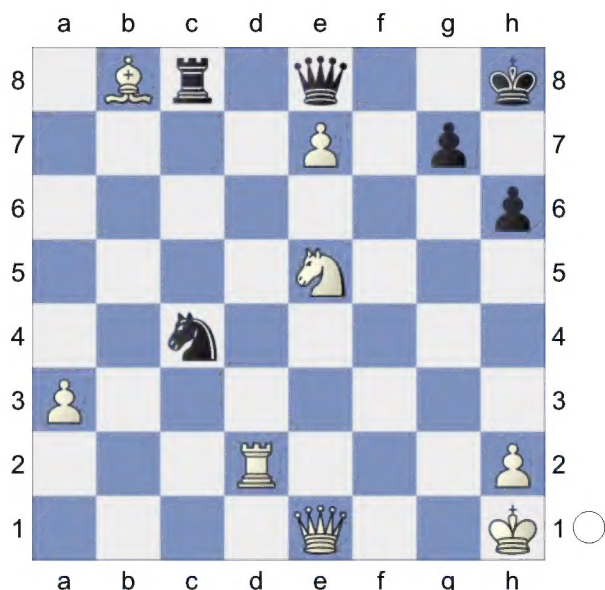
31.Bb4 Qe8 32.Bxd6

[Don't do 32.Rxd6 Rc2+-]

32...h6 33.e5 White is clearly winning.
33...fxe5 34.fxe5 Nb6 35.e6
Prevents N8d7. 35...Qxb5 Black is
weak on the dark squares 36.e7 Qe8
37.Ne5 Prevents N8d7. 37...Rc1
38.Bxb8 Strongly threatening Rd8!

38...Rxe1+ 39.Qxe1 Nc4

(Diagram)



40.Rd8!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.50

1-0

□ Salem,AR Saleh

■ Bartel,Mateusz

Titled Tue 2nd Jan Early blitz (11) 2.1.24

[Kitty Kat]

E10

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E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

**4...g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 d5 7.Nbd2 0-0
8.0-0 White is slightly better. 8...a5 9.b3
b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Rc1 Ne4 12.e3 f5
13.Qc2 Rf7 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Ne1 Ne7
16.Ndf3 0.29/21**

[White should try 16.cxd5± 0.80/21
exd5 17.Nd3]

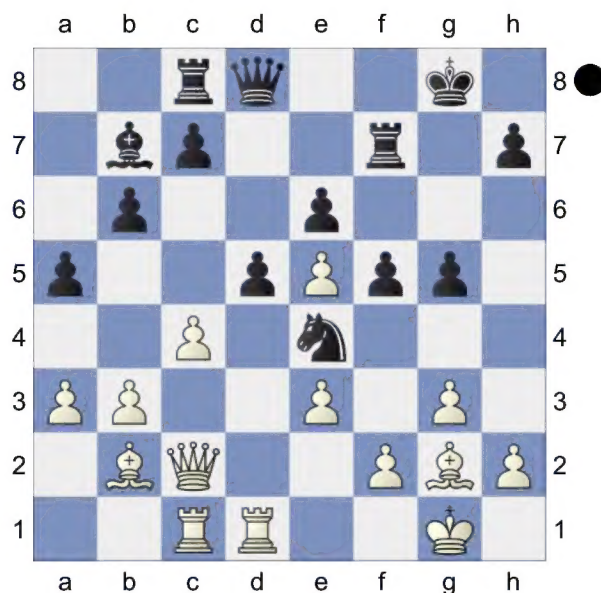
**16...g5!= 17.Nd3 Ng6 18.Nfe5 Nxe5
0.90/24**

[18...Bxe5!= -0.02/20 19.Nxe5 Nxe5
20.dxe5 g4]

19.Nxe5 -0.19/20

[Better is 19.dxe5± 0.90/24 Rd7
20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.b4 (21.f3 Nc5±)
21...axb4 22.axb4 (22.Nxb4 Bb7±)]

19...Bxe5 20.dxe5



**Black must now prevent f3. 20...g4
21.h3 -1.04/25**

[21.Bxe4= -0.12/21 fxe4 22.b4]

21...h5 -0.31/25

[21...gxh3± -1.04/25 22.Bxh3 Rg7]

22.h4± c6 0.06/27

[22...c5± -0.37/21]

**23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Rd7 25.Ra1 c5
26.cxd5 Rxd5 -0.06/24**

[Black should play 26...Bxd5± -0.58/22
27.bxc5 bxc5]

27.Rxd5 -0.63/27

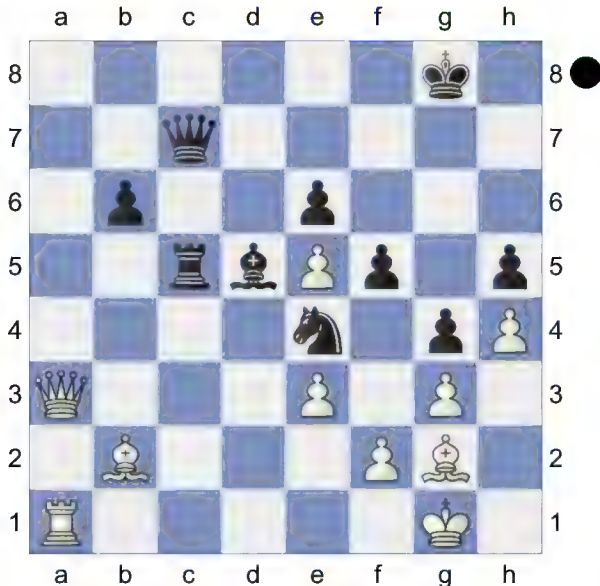
[27.Bxe4= -0.06/24 fxe4 28.Rxd5 Bxd5 29.Qa4]

27...Bxd5 28.bxc5 Rxc5 -0.07/24

[28...bxc5 -0.58/21 29.Qd1 Bc6]

29.Qd3 Qc7 30.Qa3 -1.40/22

[30.Qa6= -0.16/22 remains equal.]



30...Ra5! 31.Qd3 -4.25/23

[31.Rc1 -1.64/26 Rxa3 32.Rxc7]

31...Rxa1+-+ Remove Defender

32.Bxa1 Qc1+ 33.Qf1 White is weak on the light squares 33...Qc2 34.Bd4 b5 35.f3 -6.60/21

[35.Bxe4 -4.51/22 Qxe4 36.f3 Qxf3 (36...gxf3 37.Qxb5 f2+ 38.Kxf2) 37.Qxf3 gxf3 (37...Bxf3? 38.Bc5+) 38.Bc5]

35...Nxc3? 0.00/27

[35...gxf3+- -6.60/21 36.Bxf3 Nd2 Discovered Attack (36...Nxc3 37.Qxb5 Bxf3 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qg5+ Kf7 41.Qf6+ Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qd7+ Kg8 44.Qd8+ Kf7 45.Qf6+ Ke8 46.Qxe6+ Kf8 47.Qf6+ Ke8 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qf6+ Ke8 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Qd6+ Kg8 52.Qd8+ Kf7 53.Qd7+ Kf8

54.Qd6+ Ke8 55.Qe6+=) 37.Bxd5 Nxf1 38.Bxe6+ Kf8 39.Kxf1 Qc6]

36.Qxb5= The position is equal.

36...Ne2+ 37.Kh2 gxf3 Strongly threatening ...Qc8!

[37...Bc6!? 38.Qb8+ Kh7 39.Qc7+ Kg6=]

38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kg7 41.Qe7+ Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kf8 44.Qd8+ Kf7 45.Qd7+ Kf8 46.Qd8+ Kf7 And White is the lucky defender.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.22 (precise)

$\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

D77

□ **Deac, Bogdan Daniel**

2700

■ **Nakamura, Hikaru**

2768

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Jan Late bl.. [Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies other than 6...c6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d5N

[7...d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15) Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxc7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 Nxf4 36.gxf4 b4 37.Qc2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.

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8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 b6 10.Rc1

White is slightly better. 10...Bb7

11.cxd5 exd5 12.e3 Ne7 1.35/20

[12...Re8± 0.45/17]

13.Nxe4!± dxe4 14.Ng5 c5 15.Nxe4

White is more active.

[15.Bxe4 Nd5 16.h4 h6 17.dxc5
Bxb2±]

15...Rb8 2.02/21

[15...Nf5± 1.33/20 was necessary.]

16.Qd2 0.79/24

[16.Ba3+- 2.02/21 is more deadly.
cxd4 17.exd4]

16...cxd4 1.30/21

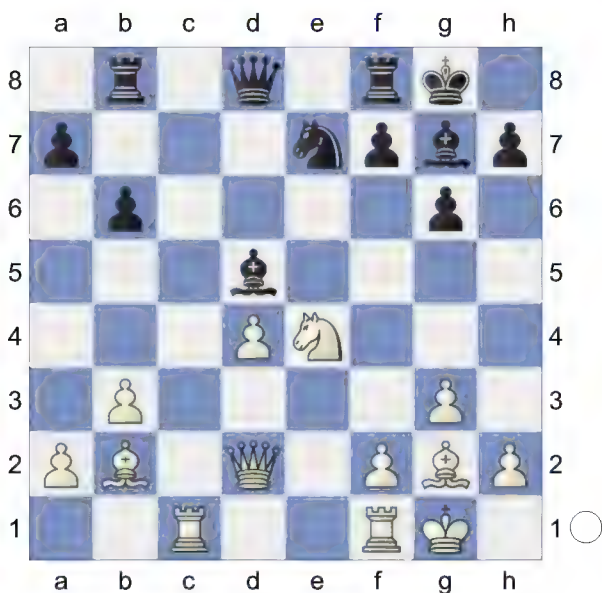
[16...f5 0.79/24]

17.exd4 0.87/23

[17.Bxd4 1.30/21 Bxd4 18.exd4
(18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.exd4 Rfd8±)]

17...Bd5 1.68/17

[17...Re8± 0.87/23]



18.h4 0.24/22

[18.Ba3!+- 1.68/17]

18...Nf5= 19.Rcd1 Qd7 20.Rfe1 Rfe8

21.h5 Re6 22.hxg6

[22.Ng5 with more complications.
Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rd8 24.Bxd5 Qxd5

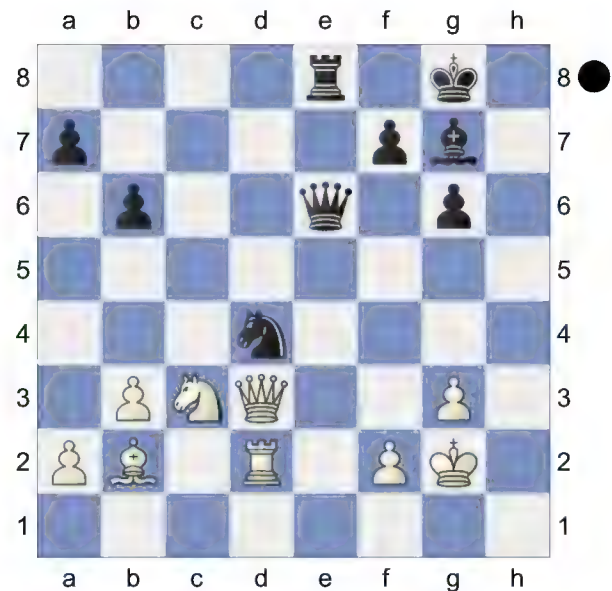
25.Qf4]

22...hxg6 23.Nc3 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nxd4

25.Rxe6 Qxe6 26.Qd3

[26.Qe1 simplifies Qxe1 27.Rxe1
Nc6 28.Rd1]

26...Re8 27.Rd2 -1.65/25

[27.Qc4!= -0.26/21 and White is okay.
Qxc4 (27...Qg4 28.Qd3±) 28.bxc4]

27...Qc6+? -0.03/24

[27...g5!+- -1.65/25 Hoping for ...g4.
28.Nd1 Rd8]

28.f3 f5 29.Ne2 Ne6 30.Bxg7 Kxg7

31.Nd4 Nxd4 The position is equal.

32.Qxd4+ Endgame. KQR-KQR

32...Kf7 33.a4 a5 34.Qd5+ Qxd5

35.Rxd5 KR-KR 35...Re2+ 36.Kf1 Re3

37.Rb5 Rxf3+ 38.Kg2 Rd3 39.Rxb6

Kg7 40.b4 Ra3 41.bxa5 Rxa4 42.a6

Kh6 43.Kf3 Kg5 44.Rc6 Ra3+ 45.Kf2

Kh5 46.Rc4 Rxa6 47.g4+ fxc4

White must now prevent ...Kh4. 48.Rc8

Ra2+ 49.Kg3 Ra3+ 50.Kg2 g3

51.Rc4 Kg5 52.Rb4 Kf5 53.Rb5+

Kg4 ...Ra2+ would now be deadly.

54.Rb4+ Kh5 55.Rb5+ g5 56.Rb4

Rd3 57.Rc4 Re3 58.Rb4 Kg6 59.Ra4

[Of course not 59.Rg4 Re2+ 60.Kxg3

Kf5 $\bar{7}$]
59...Rb3 60.Rc4 Kf6 61.Ra4
 [61.Rg4 Ra3 $\bar{7}$]
61...Rc3 62.Rb4
 [But not 62.Rg4 Rc2+ 63.Kh3 Kg6
 64.Kxg3 Rc3+ 65.Kf2 Kh5 $\bar{7}$]
62...Kf5 63.Rb5+ Kg4 And now ...Rc2+
would win. 64.Rb4+ Kh5 65.Ra4 Rd3
66.Rb4 g4 67.Rb8 Kg5 68.Rg8+ Kf4
69.Rf8+ Ke5 70.Rg8 Kf5 71.Rf8+
Kg5 72.Rg8+ Kf4 73.Rf8+ Ke4
74.Re8+ Kf5 75.Rf8+ Kg6 76.Rg8+
Kh5 77.Rh8+ Kg5 78.Rg8+
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very
 precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
 1/2-1/2

□ Bluebaum,Matthias **D77 2661**
 ■ Nakamura,Hikaru **2768**
 Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Jan Late bl..
 [Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies
 other than 6...c6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d5N
 [7...d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 0-1 (44)
Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,R
(2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15) Bxc4
23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1
Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1
28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6
Nxf4 36.gxf4 b4 37.Qc2 0-1 (44)
Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608)

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15)]
8.cxd5 0.21/19
 [8.Ne5 $\pm$ **0.79/19**]
8...exd5= 9.Ne5 Ne7! 10.b3 c6
11.Bb2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Nf5 13.Qd2 Re8
14.Rfe1 Nf6 -0.18/21
 [14...Nd6 $\bar{7}$ **-0.56/21**]
15.Ne5 Ne4 16.Nxe4
 [16.Bxe4? too greedy. dxe4 17.Nxe4
 f6 18.Nxc6 (18.g4? fxe5 19.gxf5
 gxf5-+) 18...bxc6-+]
16...dxe4 17.Rad1 Nd6 18.Nc4 Be6
19.Qc2 -0.70/21
 [19.Nxd6 $\pm$ **0.33/21** Qxd6 20.Bxe4]
19...Bd5 $\bar{7}$ 20.Ne3 Qd7 -0.34/22
 [Better is 20...Rc8 **-0.70/20**]
21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.e3 h5 23.h3 Bf8
24.Rc1 Qe6 25.Qe2 Nf5 26.Rc7 Reb8
27.Rec1 Bd6 28.R7c2 a6 29.Bc3 Ba3
30.Bb2 Bxb2 -0.09/16
 [30...Bd6 $\bar{7}$ **-0.65/21**]
31.Rxb2= Rc8 32.Rbc2 Kg7 33.Qd2
Rxc2 34.Rxc2 Rc8 35.Bf1 Nd6 36.h4
Ne8 37.Rc5 Nf6 38.Qc3 Rd8 39.Rc7
-0.19/24
 [39.Qb4 **0.19/22** is superior.]
39...Rd7 40.Rc8 Re7 41.Qc5 Qd7
42.Qc3 Qe6 43.Qc5 Qd7 44.Qc3
-0.09/26
 [$\triangleleft$ 44.Be2 **0.30/27**]
44...Qf5

(Diagram)

...Ng4 would now be deadly. 45.Be2
Qd7 0.25/24
 [45...Re6 **-0.16/25**
 is more appropriate.]
46.Qc5 Qe6 47.Qc3 Qd6 48.Qc5 Qd7
49.Qc3 0.13/22
 [49.b4 $\pm$ **0.60/21**]
49...Ne8 50.Rc5 Nc7 0.71/22



[50...Re6= -0.04/19 remains equal.]

51.Qc1 0.09/25 White is more active.

[White should play 51.Qb4± 0.71/22
Qc8 52.Rc2]

51...Ne6 52.Rc8 Re8 53.Rxe8 Qxe8
Endgame. KQB-KQN 54.Qc3 Qd7
55.a4 Nd8 56.Qc5 Ne6 57.Qc3 Qc7
The position is equal. **58.Qxc7 Nxc7**
KB-KN 59.Kf1 a5 60.Kg2 b6 61.Kh2
Kf6 62.Kg2 Ke7 63.g4 hxg4 64.Bxg4
Ne8 65.Be2 Nc7 66.Kg3 f6 67.Kg4
Ne6 68.Kg3 Kf7 69.Bb5 Ng7 70.Bc6
Ke6 71.Bb5 Nf5+ 72.Kh3 Ng7
73.Kg3 Kd6 74.Kg4 Ke7 75.Kg3 Ke6
76.Kg4 Kd6 77.Kg3 Ke7 78.Kg4 Ke6
79.Kg3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very
precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
1/2-1/2

E10
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Gupta,Abhijeet
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[Kitty Kat]

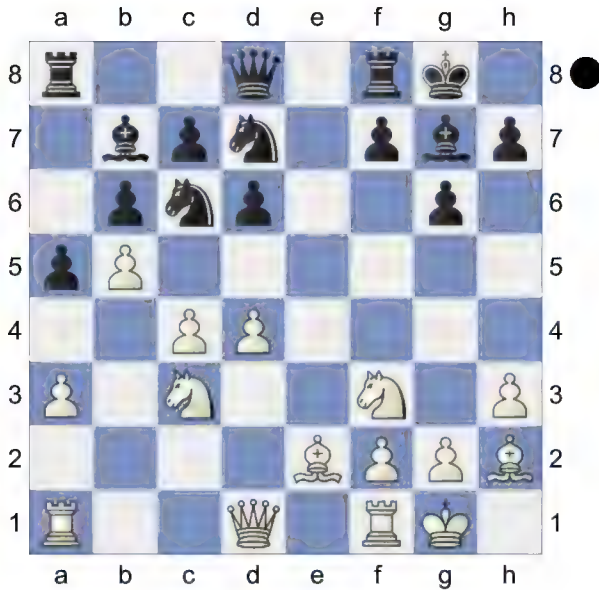
E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N
[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
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21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 d6
8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...b6**
9.0-0 Bb7 0.76/21
[9...Nh5± 0.36/21]
10.h3 White is more active. **10...Nd7**
11.Bh2 e5 12.b4 exd4 13.exd4 a5
14.b5 -1.45/23
[14.Rb1!± 0.51/20 stays ahead.]

(Diagram)

14...Ne7? 0.53/22
[Better is 14...Nxd4!± -1.45/23
15.Nxd4 Qf6]
15.Nh4 Nc5 0.76/21
[15...Rc8± 0.31/22 should be
considered.]
16.dxc5± Bxc3 17.cxd6 0.19/23
[17.c6± 0.63/25 Bc8 18.Nf3]



17...cxd6 18.Rb1 -0.04/21

[18.Ra2± 0.44/21 feels stronger.]

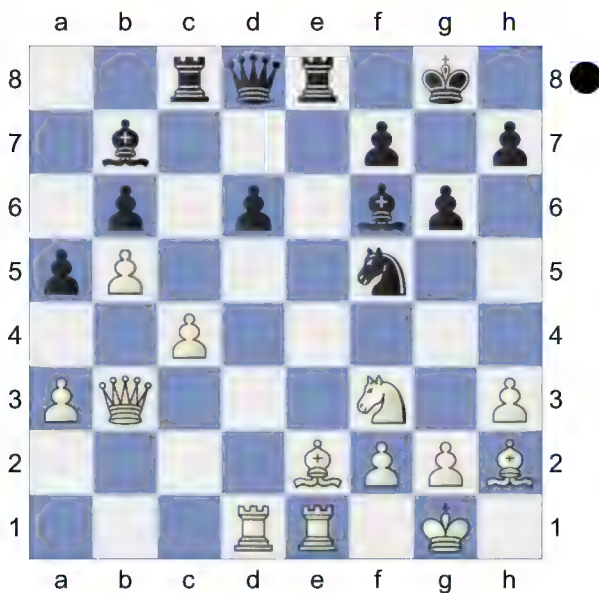
18...Bf6 19.Nf3 Rc8 20.Qb3 -0.60/22

[White should play 20.Qxd6= -0.08/21
Qxd6 (20...Nf5 21.Qd3±) 21.Bxd6]

20...Nf5± 21.Rbd1 -0.74/22

[21.Rfe1!= -0.24/19 keeps the
balance.]

21...Re8± 22.Rfe1



d5! 23.cxd5

[23.a4 Rc5]

23...Bc3 24.d6? -3.15/24 Loses the
game. 24...Bxe1+ 25.d7 Rxe2

26.dxc8Q Bxf2+

[26...Qxc8? 27.Nxe1 Qc5 28.Bg3±]

27.Kf1 Qxc8 28.Kxe2 Bxf3+

Deflection 29.Qxf3? -9.39/21

[29.Kxf3 -2.82/22 Bd4 (29...Nd4+?
30.Rxd4 Bxd4 31.Qd3-+) 30.Ke2]

29...Qc2+ Black is clearly winning.

30.Rd2 Nd4+ Deflection, Double Attack

31.Kf1 Qxd2 32.Qxf2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/
Black=0.14 (very precise) . Loss on
time!?

1-0

□ Gukesh, Dommaraju A15 2736
■ Pranav, Vijay 2608

Chess.com U20 Speed blitz (2.15)

[Kitty Kat]

A15: English Opening: 1...Nf6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6

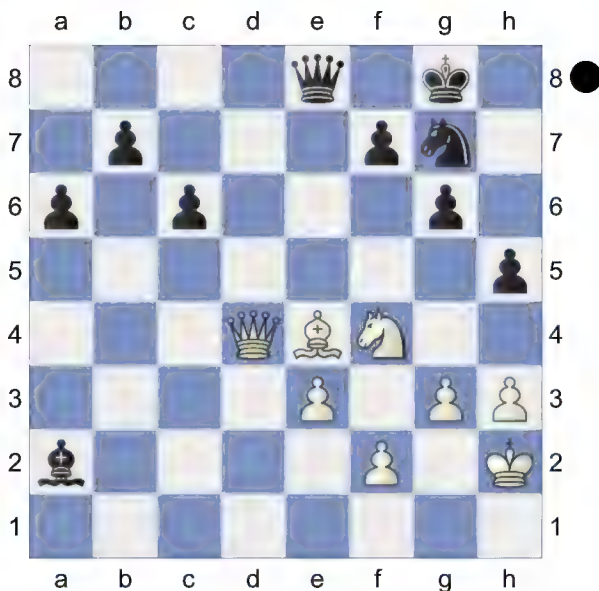
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3N

[7.d5 Ne7 8.Nc3 d6 9.e4 a6
10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.Be3 g5
13.h4 gxh4 14.Nxh4 Ng6 15.Nxg6
fxg6 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bf3 Rf8 18.c5
Bh3 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Na4 b5
21.Kh2 Rb8 1-0 (36) Wiesner, N
(2640)-Korshunov, S (2305) British CC
Ch 1991 (2)]

7...d6 8.b3 Re8!? Exploring less
charted territory. Erkundet wenig
bekanntes Terrain. 9.Bb2 White is
slightly better. 9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5N
1.01/19

[Predecessor: 10...dxe5 11.Qxd8
Rxd8 12.Rfd1 aiming for Nxe5! Bf5
13.Nd5 Ne8 14.Ng5 f6 15.Ne4
Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Kf7 1.23/20
0-1 Posthuma, J (2389)-Caruana, F
(2781) Titled Tuesday intern op 29th

Mar Early blitz 2022 (8) (16...f5= 0.13/25 keeps the balance. 17.Bh1 e4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7)]
 [10...dxe5± 0.38/22 11.Qxd8 Rxd8]
 11.Nxe5± Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 1.12/20
 [16...Be6± 0.51/23]
 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 0.00/25
 [19.e4± 1.12/20]
 19...d5= 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 Black continues to play with concentration. 25.Qa1 -1.95/22
 [25.Qb2± -0.87/22 is a better defense. Qxa2 26.Qxb7]
 25...Ne8!-+ 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4



c5! 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 -4.34/24
 [34.Bd5 -3.09/21 was necessary. Bxd5 35.Qxd5]
 34...Ne6 35.Bxa6 Nxf4 Black is clearly winning. 36.gxf4 Endgame. KQB-KQB 36...b4 37.Qc2 b3 38.Qc3 Qa4 39.Bd3 Qb4 40.Qxb4 cxb4 41.Bc4 Kf8 42.e4 Bb1 43.Bxb3 Bxe4 44.Kg3

Bf5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

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□ **Gukesh, Dommaraju**

E10

2736

■ **Pranav, Vijay**

2608

Chess.com U20 Speed blitz (2.11)

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d5

White is better.

[8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15) 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 Nxf4 36.gxf4 b4 37.Qc2 b3 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15)]

8...Ne7 9.dxe6N

[9.e4 a6 10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.Be3 g5 13.h4 gxh4 14.Nxh4 Ng6 15.Nxg6 fxg6 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bf3 Rf8 18.c5 Bh3 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Na4 b5 21.Kh2 Rb8 22.Kxh3 bxa4 23.Rc2 Rb4 1-0 (36) Wiesner, N (2640)-Korshunov, S (2305) British CC Ch 1991 (2) 24.Bd2 Rd4 25.Qe2 Nh7 26.Bg2 Ng5+ 27.Kh2 Qf6 28.Be3 h5 29.Bxd4 exd4 30.f4 Nf7 31.e5

dx e5 32.Rc6 Qd8 33.Rxg6 exf4
34.Qxh5 Nh8 35.d6 f3 36.Bxf3
1-0 Sumets,A (2640)-Bednarich,J
(2305) Luxembourg-chT 1314 2013
(2)]

9...Bxe6 10.b3 c6 11.Bb2 Re8

12.Qd2 0.17/18

[12.Nd4± 0.64/20]

12...Qc7 0.79/21

[12...d5= 0.17/18 keeps the balance.]

13.Rfd1 0.26/22

[13.Ng5± 0.79/21]

13...Rad8 14.Nd4 Bc8 15.e4 a6

16.Rac1 Qb8 0.82/19

[16...Qa5± 0.45/20]

17.a4 0.37/21

[17.Nc2± 0.82/19]

17...h5 18.h3 d5 19.exd5 cxd5

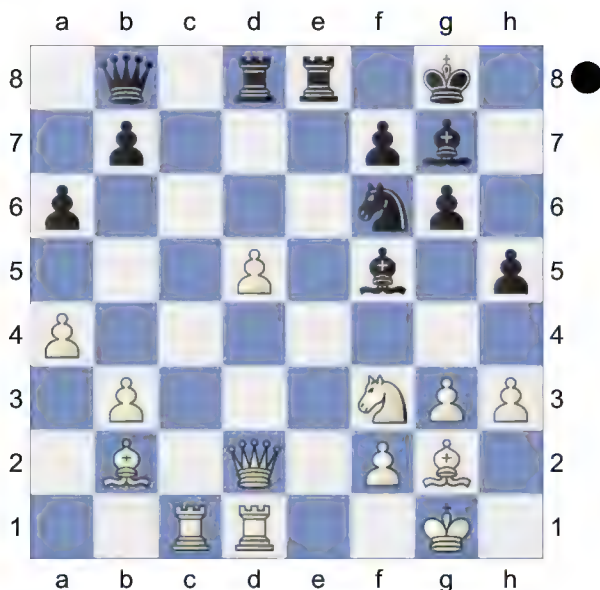
20.Nf3 -0.20/20

[20.Nxd5± 0.40/23 Nfxd5 21.cxd5]

20...Bf5= 21.Nxd5 -2.85/22 This move
loses the game for White.

[21.cxd5= -0.24/24 Nfxd5 22.Nxd5
Rxd5 23.Nd4]

21...Nexd5-+ 22.cxd5



Ne4 Inhibits Ng5. Deflection 23.Qb4
Bxg7 is the strong threat. 23...Bxb2
24.Rc4 Qa7 25.Nd4 a5 26.Qe1 Nd6

Inhibits Nb5.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
Black=0.16 (very precise)

[Less strong is 26...Rxd5 27.Qe3
Red8 28.Nxf5 Rxd1+ 29.Kh2 Qxe3
30.Nxe3]

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A15

□ Sikorova,Jana

2736

■ Schmucker,Roger

2608

Baku op (2.15)

15.06.2023

[John Watson,MH]

A15: English Opening: 1...Nf6

1.d4 Kitty Kat 1...Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3
e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3N

[7.d5 Ne7 8.Nc3 d6 9.e4 a6
10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.Be3 g5
13.h4 gxh4 14.Nxh4 Ng6 15.Nxg6
fxg6 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bf3 Rf8 18.c5
Bh3 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Na4 b5
21.Kh2 Rb8 1-0 (36) Wiesner,N
(2640)-Korshunov,S (2305) British CC
Ch 1991 (2)]

7...d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 White is better.

Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' 9...e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 1.01/19

[10...dxe5 0.53/22 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty
Kat: ' deserves consideration.'

11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rfd1 aiming for

Nxe5! Bf5 13.Nd5 Ne8 14.Ng5 f6

15.Ne4 Bxe4! 16.Bxe4 Kf7 1.14/19

(16...f5= 0.09/23 keeps the balance.

17.Bh1 e4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7)]

[10...dxe5± 0.44/21 11.Qxd8 Rxd8]

11.Nxe5± Rxe5 12.Nb5 0.58/18

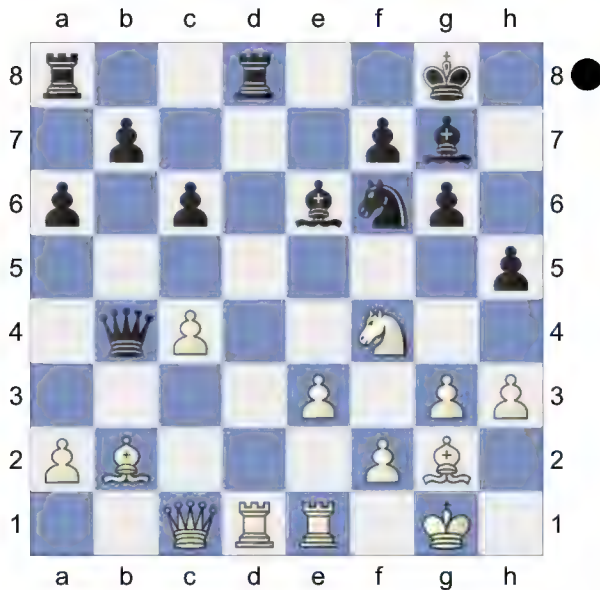
[12.Qd2± 1.06/17]

[12.Re1± 1.08/17 Kitty Kat]

12...Re8± 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3

c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 1.20/19

[Kitty Kat: ' Black should play'
 16...Bf5± 0.54/22]
 17.Rad1± Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2
 0.00/25
 [19.e4± 1.18/20]
 19...d5= 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4
 22.Nf4



Black must now prevent Nxe6. Kitty Kat:
 '[#] Hoping for Nxe6.' 22...Bxc4 23.Bc3
 -0.66/22

[23.a3= -0.19/18 (Kitty Kat) was
 preferable. Qa4 24.Bf3]

23...Qa4 Kitty Kat: ' ♠!' 24.Rxd8+ -0.96/20
 Kitty Kat: ' Black keeps a firm grip on
 the game.'

[24.a3♠ -0.48/20]

24...Rxd8♠ 25.Qa1 -2.13/20 This costs
 White the game.

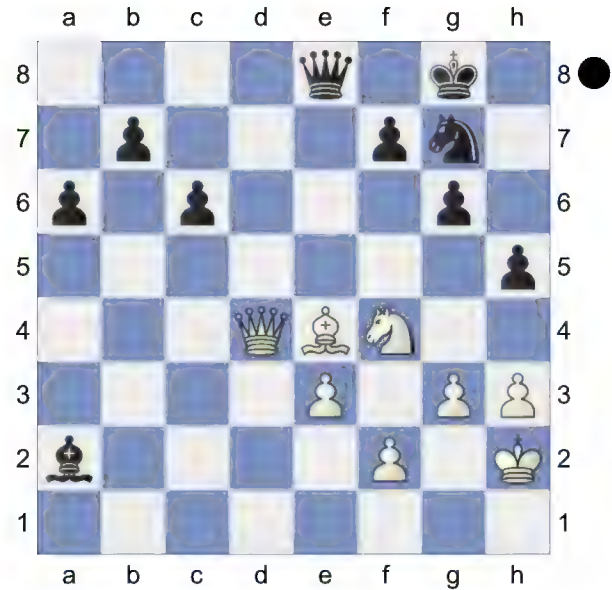
[25.Qb2♠ -0.76/21 was called for.
 Qxa2 26.Qxb7]

25...Ne8!-+ 26.Bxg7 -2.44/19

[26.a3♠ -1.54/18 (Kitty Kat) was
 worth a try.]

26...Nxb7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+
 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 Kitty Kat: '
 Prevents Qe7.' 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4

(Diagram)



c5! 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6
 Nxf4 36.gxf4 Endgame. KQB-KQB
 36...b4 37.Qc2 b3 38.Qc3 Qa4
 39.Bd3 Qb4 40.Qxb4 -7.36/17

[40.Qc4 -2.36/20 Qd2 Kitty Kat
 41.Bxg6 Qxf2+ 42.Kh1 Qe1+
 (42...Qxe3 43.Qxf7+ Kh8 44.Qh7#)
 43.Kg2 Qd2+ (43...Qxe3 44.Qxf7+
 Kh8 45.Qh7#) 44.Kf3]

40...cxb4 Black is clearly winning.

41.Bc4 Kf8 42.e4 -8.65/25

[♠42.h4 -4.29/26 f5 43.f3]

42...Bb1 43.Bxb3 Bxe4 44.Kg3 Bf5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/
 Black=0.19 (very precise) Kitty Kat: '

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/
 Black=0.20 (precise)'

0-1

□ Maghsoodloo,Parham E10 2698

■ Nakamura,Hikaru 2736

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Aug blitz (7)

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6

5.Bg2 d6N

[5...Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

6.0-0 Bg7 7.d5 Ne7 8.Nc3 White is better. **8...e5 9.Ne1 0-0 10.e4 c5 1.05/21**

[10...Nd7± 0.44/21]

11.Nd3± Nd7 12.f4 f5 13.Be3 0.45/20

[Better is 13.Kh1± 1.11/20]

13...b6 0.91/21

[13...fxe4!± 0.45/20 is more appropriate. 14.Nxe4 (14.Bxe4 Nb6=) 14...Nf5]

14.Qd2 0.52/23

[White should try 14.fxe5± 0.91/21 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qe2]

14...fxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf5

(Diagram)

16.Bf2 0.17/24 White is more active.

[16.Ng5!± 0.71/21]

16...exf4= 17.Nxf4 Ne5 18.Ne6 Bxe6

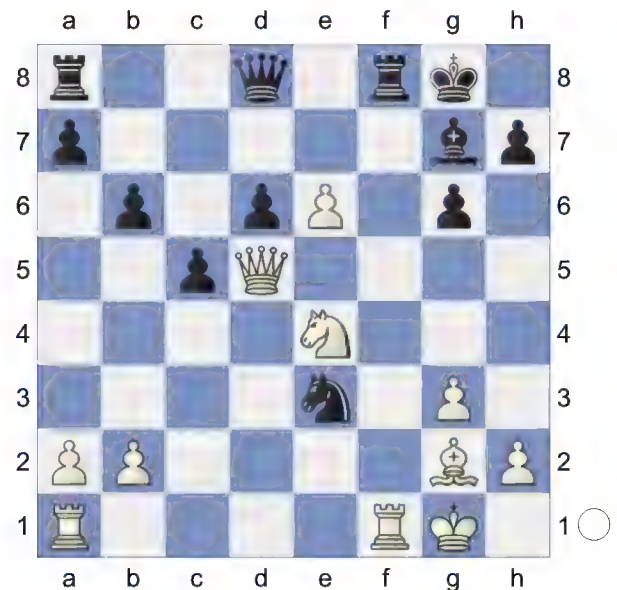
[18...Nxc4!? 19.Qe2 Bxe6 20.dxe6 Ne5± (20...Nxb2 21.g4=)]

19.dxe6 Nxc4 0.60/20

[19...Kh8= 0.12/18]

20.Qd5± Nce3 1.51/18

[20...Kh8 0.82/23]

**21.Bxe3± Nxe3****22.Rxf8+ 0.12/24**

[22.Qb7!± 1.29/20 Hoping for e7. Rb8 (22...Nxf1? 23.e7+- Double Attack) 23.Qxa7 (23.Rxf8+ Qxf8 24.Qxa7 Re8±)]

22...Qxf8= 23.Nf6+ -0.61/22 Bxf6±

24.Qxa8 Qxa8 0.10/18

[24...Bd4± -0.46/27 25.Qxf8+ (25.Qxa7 Nf1+ 26.Kh1 Nxg3+ 27.hxg3 Qh6+) 25...Kxf8]

25.Bxa8= aiming for Re1. **25...Bxb2±** Endgame. KRB-KBN **26.Re1**

[26.e7!? Kf7□ 27.e8R Bxa1
(27...Kxe8 28.Re1=) 28.Rxe3=]
26...Bd4 Strongly threatening ...Nc2+.
27.e7! Kf7 Threatens to win with ...
Nc2+. **28.e8Q+ Kxe8 29.Kf2 Kf7**
30.Rxe3 Bxe3+?? 5.55/25 This costs
 Black the game.
 [30...Kf6!= 0.01/18]
31.Kxe3= KB-KP 31...b5 32.h4 a5?
6.06/25
 [32...Kf6 3.59/19 33.Ke4 c4]
33.g4+- g5 34.hxg5 Kg6 35.Kf4 c4
36.Be4+ Kg7 37.Ke3 h6 38.g6 b4
39.Kd4 c3 40.Kd5 5.67/21
 [□40.Bc2 11.43/18]
40...Kf6 41.Bc2
 [41.Kxd6? too greedy. a4 42.Bc2 b3
 43.axb3 a3-+]
41...a4 42.Bxa4 Kxg6 43.Kc4 Kg5
44.Bd1 c2 45.Bxc2 Kxg4 46.Kxb4
KB-KPP 46...Kf4 47.Kc4 17.49/23
 [□47.Bd1 250.00/25 Ke5 48.a4 d5
 49.Kc5 Ke6 50.a5 Kd7 51.a6
 (51.Kxd5 Kc7 52.Kc5 Kb7 53.Kb5
 Kc7 54.a6 Kc8 55.Kb6 Kd7)
 51...Kc7 52.Bh5 (52.Kxd5 Kb6
 53.Be2 h5 54.Ke4 h4 55.Kf3 Kc7
 56.Kg4 Kc8 57.Kxh4 Kc7)]
47...Ke5 48.Bd1 d5+ 49.Kc5 d4
50.Bf3 73.99/34
 [□50.Kc4 250.00/31 Kd6 51.Kxd4
 Kc6 52.Kc4 Kb6 53.Kb4 Kc7 54.a4
 Kc6 55.a5]
50...d3 White is clearly winning. **51.Kc4**
d2 52.Kd3 Kf4 53.Bd1
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
 Black=0.87
 1-0

E01
 □ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2726**
 ■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2828**
 Chess24 October Blitz (3) 01.10.2020
 [Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
d5N

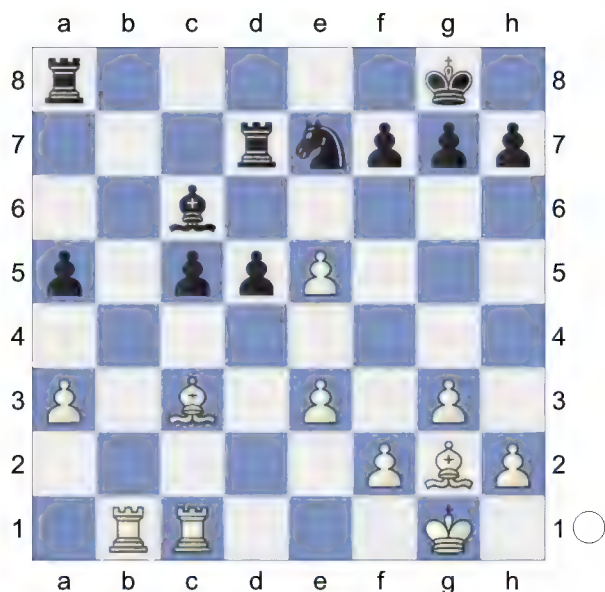
[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
 (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
 U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
 J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
 op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bd6 7.Qc2 0-0
8.0-0! White is slightly better. 8...Ne4
9.e3 Be7 10.a3 a5 11.Nc3 Nxc3
12.Bxc3 b6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Rfc1
Bb7 15.Qa4 Bd6 16.Ne5 Ne7 17.Qd7
-0.04/22

[17.Re1± 0.38/20 was preferable.]
17...Bxe5 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.dxe5
Black must now prevent Bxa5! 19...c5
20.b4 Rd7? 2.01/25

[20...axb4= 0.29/20 21.axb4 Rxa1
 22.Rxa1 Ra8 (22...d4 23.exd4 Bxg2
 24.Kxg2±)]

21.bxc5+- bxc5 22.Rab1 Bc6 2.18/21
 [□22...Bc8 1.76/21 23.Rb5 c4
 24.Bxa5 (24.Rxa5 Rxa5 25.Bxa5
 g5+-) 24...Ba6]



23.Rb6 1.12/20

[23.Bxa5!+- 2.18/21 c4 24.Rb6]

23...h6 1.67/24

[23...Rc7± 1.12/20 might work better.]

24.Be1 c4 25.Bc3 1.41/21 Black is weak on the dark squares

[25.f4+- 1.78/22]

25...Ba4 26.e6↑ White has strong initiative. **26...fxe6 27.Bh3** White is more active. This pair of bishops is nice.

27...Nf5 2.51/20

[27...Kf8± 1.31/20 28.Rcb1 (28.Rxe6 Rb7±; 28.Bxe6 Nc8±) 28...Rdd8]

28.Rxe6 Rf7 3.33/22

[Δ28...Rf8 2.30/20 29.Bxa5 Rff7]

29.Re5 Bd7 30.Rxd5 Be6 31.Re5 Bd7 32.Rd1

[32.Bxa5 Nxg3 33.hxg3 Bxh3 34.Rxc4 Kh7+-]

32...g6 33.Red5

[Less strong is 33.Bxa5 Nh4 34.Bg2 (34.Rxd7 Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Nxe5±) 34...Nxg2+-]

33...Be8 34.e4 Ng7 35.Rxa5

[Much less strong is 35.Bxa5 c3 36.Bxc3 Rxa3+-]

35...Rxa5 36.Bxa5 Ra7 37.Bb4 Kf7 38.f4 Bc6 39.Rd4 Bb5 40.Kf2 Rc7 41.Rd5

[But not 41.Bf1 Ba6 42.Bc3 Ne8]

41...Ba6 6.06/19

[Δ41...Ba4 4.06/17 42.Bc3 Ne6]

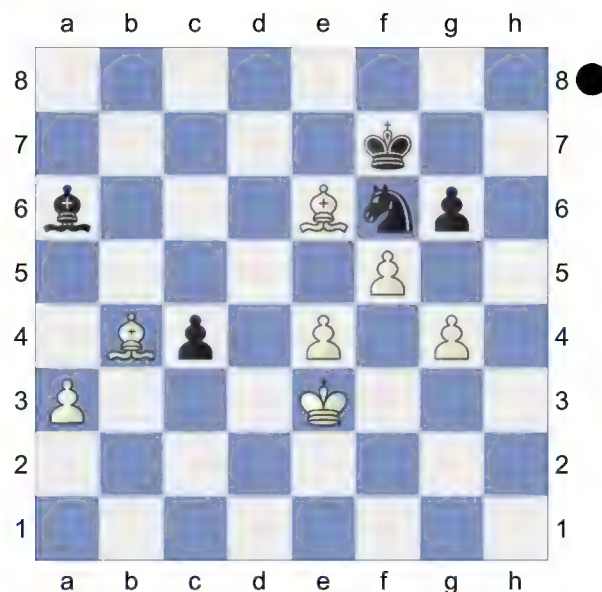
42.Rd7+ White is clearly winning.

42...Rxd7 43.Bxd7 Endgame. KBB-

KBN **43...Ne6 44.Ke3 Nc7 45.g4 h5**

46.h3 hxg4 47.hxg4 Ne8 48.f5 Nf6

49.Be6+



Deflection 49...Ke8 50.g5 Ng4+ 51.Kf4

Nf2 52.fxg6 Intending g7 and mate.

52...Nd3+ 53.Kf5 White wants to mate

with g7. **53...Nxb4 54.g7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.40

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza**

E33

2804

■ **Gareyev,Timur**

2573

Wch Rapid Warsaw (6)

27.12.2021

[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.e4 e5 7.d5
Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 White is slightly better.
8...Ne7

[8...Nxe4?! 9.Qe3+-]

9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 a5 11.Be3 b6
12.Bc2 Nd7 13.Nh4 Nc5 0.98/22
[13...Ba6!± 0.39/20]



14.Nf5!± Kh8 aiming for ...Nxe4! 15.g4
Bd7 16.h4 Rb8 17.h5 f6 18.b3 Nb7
19.f3 White has more active pieces. The
black rooks are passive.

[19.Qd2 simplifies Rf7 20.a3 Nxf5

21.gxf5 h6 22.0-0]

19...b5 1.78/24

[19...Nxf5± 0.92/20 was necessary.
20.gxf5 (20.exf5 c6±) 20...Rg8]

20.cxb5+- Bxb5 21.h6 g5 22.Ng7



Threatens to win with Ne6. 22...Qd7
23.Kf2 Rfc8 24.Qd2 c6 2.07/21

[24...Ng6± 1.53/18 was worth a try.
25.a4 Ba6]

25.Nh5 Ng8 26.Rac1 Nd8? 3.05/19

[26...c5± 1.53/17 might work better.
27.a4 Ba6]

27.a4

[27.Qxa5 cxd5 28.exd5 Ra8±]

27...Ba6 28.Qxa5 Ra8 29.Qd2 c5
30.b4 cxb4 31.Bb3

[31.Qxb4 Nb7 32.Kg3 Be2+-]

31...Nf7 32.Rc6

[Don't take 32.Qxb4 Rab8 33.Bb6
Ngxh6 34.Rxc8+ (34.Nxf6 Qd8±)
34...Rxc8+-]

32...Bb7 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.Qxb4 Ba6
35.a5 Nfxh6 36.Ng3 Bb5 37.Rc1

Rxc8 is the strong threat. 37...Rf8
38.Bd1 Ne7 39.Bb6 White is clearly
winning. 39...Rc8 40.Rxc8+ Nxc8

41.Be3 Kg7 42.Be2 Bxe2 43.Nxe2
Nf7 44.a6 Nd8 45.Qb8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.33

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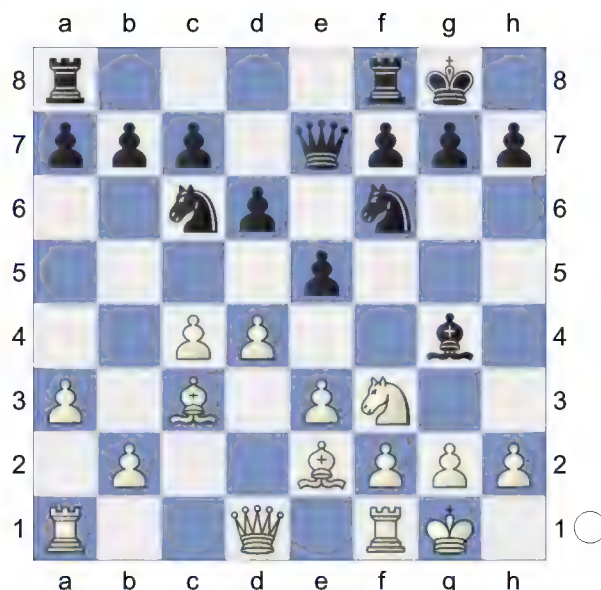
E21
2725
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 Andreikin, Dmitry
 Aravindh, Chithambaram VR
 Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Apr blitz (..
[Kitty Kat]

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N
 [4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
 V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
 R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]
4...Bb4 5.Bd2 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.Be2 e5
8.0-0 -0.18/22
 [8.dxe5± 0.39/22 dxe5 9.Qc2]
8...Bg4 0.43/23
 [8...e4= -0.18/22 9.Ne1 Bxc3
 10.Bxc3 d5]
9.a3± Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Qe7 1.83/20
 [10...Ne4± 0.38/25]

(Diagram)

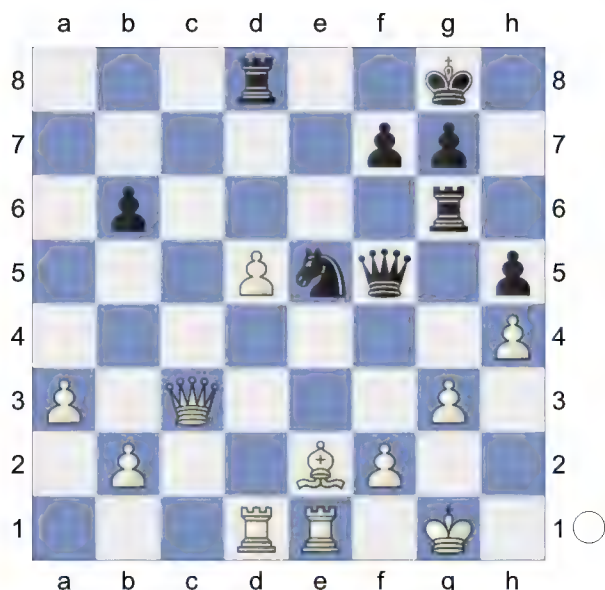
11.Nxe5!+- Discovered Attack 11...dxe5
 [11...Bxe2 12.Nxc6]
12.Bxg4 exd4 2.44/21



[Δ12...Ne4 1.97/21 13.Qb1 Nxc3
 14.bxc3 Rab8]
13.exd4 Rfd8 3.71/21
 [Δ13...Ne4 2.32/21 14.Bf3 Nxc3
 15.bxc3 Qd7]
14.Re1 Qd6 15.d5 Qf4 16.Bxf6
1.83/18
 [Δ16.Qf3 3.64/22 Qxf3 17.Bxf3]
16...Qxf6 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Be2 c6
19.Rad1 cxd5 20.cxd5 Rd6 21.Qd4
1.24/20
 [Δ21.Qe3 1.60/19]
21...Rad8 2.68/21
 [21...g6± 1.24/20 might work better.
 22.Qe3 a6]
22.Qxa7 b6 23.h3 Qh4 2.70/19
 [Δ23...Ng6 1.72/19 24.b3 Nf4]
24.Qc7 Qf4 25.Qc3 Rg6 4.29/20
 [25...h6 2.98/19 was worth a try.
 26.Rd4 Qf6]
26.g3 Qf5 27.h4 h5

(Diagram)

28.Bxh5! Qxh5 29.Qxe5 Qf3 30.Qe4
Qf6 31.Qe5 Qxh4 32.d6 aiming for d7.
32...Qh3 33.d7 Rh6? 5.25/20
 [33...Re6 2.38/25 34.Qd4 (34.Qc3



Rxd7 35.Qf3 Rxd1±) 34...Rxe1+
 35.Rxe1 Qxd7 36.Qxb6 Qd2]
34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Qe4+
 [35.Qxd8? Qh1#]
35...f5 36.Qg2 Qg4 37.Rd2 Qg5
38.Red1 Qh5 39.Rd3 Re6 40.Qf3
Qh3 41.Qh1 Qxh1+ 42.Kxh1
 Endgame. KRR-KRR 42...Kg6 7.97/20
 [42...Re7 5.05/19 43.Kg2 b5]
43.Rd6 Kf6 44.Rxe6+ Kxe6 KR-KR
45.Kg2 g5 46.Kf3 Ke5 47.g4 f4
48.a4 Ke6 49.b4 Ke5 50.a5 b5 51.a6
 a7 would kill now. 51...Rxd7 52.Rxd7
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/
 Black=0.60
 1-0

□ Indjic,Aleksandar E10 2607
 ■ Artemiev,Vladislav 2709
 Titled Arena Apr 3rd blitz 03.04.2021
 [Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N
 [4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
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 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
 R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Bg5 h6
8.Bh4 White has an edge. **8...d6 9.e3**
e5 10.Be2 -0.10/23

[White should play 10.dxe5± 0.45/22
 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bxf6 Bxf6
 13.Nd5]

10...exd4= 11.exd4 Re8 12.0-0 Bf5
0.36/22

[12...Ne7= 0.00/21]

13.Bd3 Qd7 0.97/23

[13...Bxd3= 0.15/22 keeps the
 balance. 14.Qxd3 Qd7]

14.Bxf6!± Bxf6 15.Nd5 Wards off Ne7
15...Bd8 16.Qc2 0.40/24

[White should try 16.Bxf5± 0.85/21
 Qxf5 17.Qb3]

16...Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Kg7 18.Rfe1 Ne7
19.Ne3 c6 20.d5 h5 1.24/20

[20...cxd5± 0.38/21 21.Qd4+
 (21.cxd5 Ng8=; 21.Nxd5 Nxd5
 22.Rxe8 Qxe8=) 21...Kg8]

21.Nd2 0.25/21

[21.dxc6± 1.24/20 bxc6 22.Rad1]

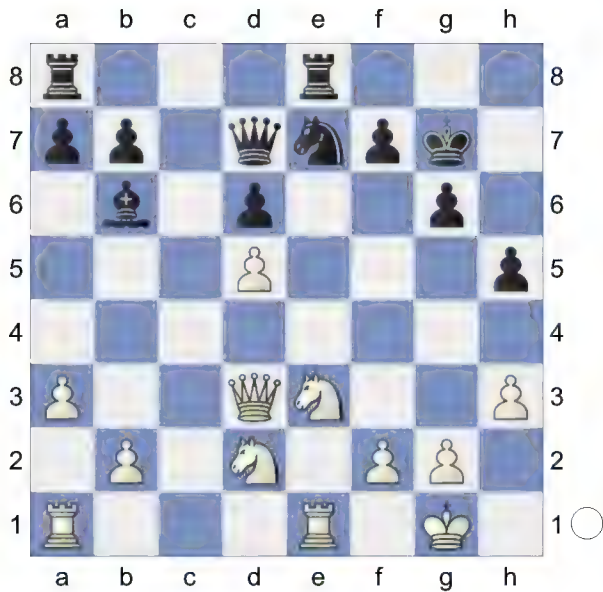
21...cxd5 22.cxd5 -0.18/19

[22.Qd4+± 0.47/22 Kg8 23.cxd5]

22...Bb6? 2.22/21

[22...Ng8= -0.18/19]

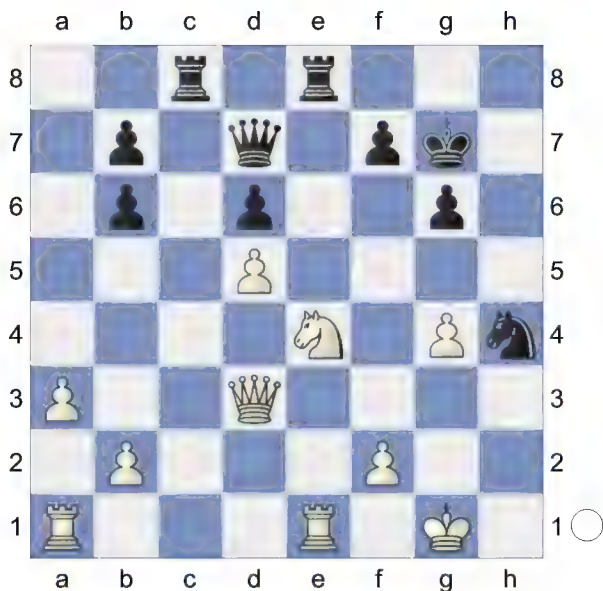
(Diagram)



23.Ne4? 0.70/20

[23.Qc3+!+- 2.22/21 f6 24.Ne4]

23...Rac8!± 24.Nc4 A dynamic duo of knights. **24...Nf5 25.Nxb6 axb6 26.g4 hxg4 27.hxg4 Nh4**



28.Qg3 -0.55/19

[28.Qh3!± 0.75/21 Qe7 29.Re3]

28...Rc4!± 29.f3

[29.Qxd6? Qxg4+ 30.Qg3 Nf3+ (30...Rcxe4? 31.Qxg4 Rxc4+ 32.Kf1-+) 31.Kg2 Nxe1+ (31...Rcxe4? 32.Qxg4 Nxe1+ 33.Kg3-+) 32.Rxe1 Qxg3+]

(32...Rxe4? 33.Qxg4 Rxc4+ 34.Kf1-+; 32...Rcxe4? 33.Rh1-+) 33.Kxc3 Rxc4-+ (33...Rcxe4? 34.Rd1-+)]

[29.Nxd6? Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Rxc4 31.Ne8+ Kf8-+]

29...Qd8 0.00/26

[29...g5!± -0.46/22]

30.Nxd6=

[30.Qxd6? Nxf3+ (30...Rcxe4? 31.Qxd8 Rxe1+ 32.Kf2-+) 31.Kf2 Nxe1 (31...Rcxe4 32.Qxd8 Nxe1 33.Qc7=) 32.Qxd8 Rc2+ (32...Rxd8? 33.Rxe1 Rc2+ 34.Re2-+) 33.Ke3 Rxd8-+]

30...Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Nxf3+!

Double Attack 32.Kf2 Rd4 3.38/21

[32...Nxe1= 0.28/24 33.Nxc4 b5 (33...Qxd5? 34.Qc3+ f6 35.Kxe1+-)]

33.Ne8+? 0.01/18

[33.Kxf3+- 3.38/21 Rxd5 34.Ne4 (34.Nxb7 Qf6+ 35.Kg2 Qxb2+ 36.Kg1 Qf6±)]

33...Kf8 Chess con chili. **34.Qxf3** -3.23/18

[34.Re2= 0.00/22 and White has nothing to worry.]

34...Qh4+-+ 35.Kf1? -4.73/29

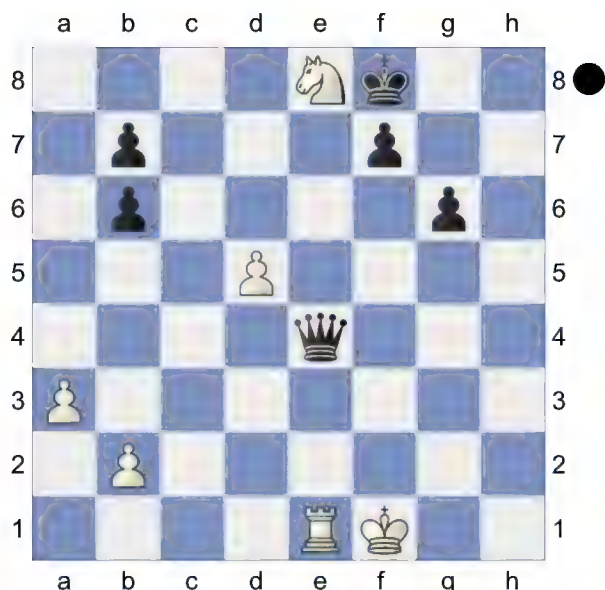
[35.Ke3 -2.16/19 Rxc4 (35...Qxe1+ 36.Kxd4 Kxe8 37.Qf4=) 36.Kd2 (36.Rf1? Rg3-+ Pin) 36...Rd4+ Deflection 37.Kc3 Qxe1+ 38.Kxd4 Kxe8 (38...Qxe8? 39.b4-+) 39.Kc4]

35...Rxc4 aiming for ...Rf4. Black is clearly winning. **36.Ke2** Black must now prevent Rh1. **36...Re4+** Skewer

[36...Kxe8? 37.Rh1 Qg5 38.Rh8+ Ke7 39.Qe3+ Kf6 40.Qc3+ Qe5+ 41.Qxe5+ Kxe5 42.Rb8±]

37.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 38.Kf1

(Diagram)



Qxe1+!! 39.Kxe1 Kxe8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/
Black=0.35

0-1

□ **Korobov, Anton**

E33

2692

■ **Karthikeyan, Murali**

2606

Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Jan blitz (..
[Kitty Kat])

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
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Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

**4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bd2 d6 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 e5 10.d5 Nb8
11.Nd2 c6 12.e4 White is slightly
better. 12...Nh5 13.Qd1 0.38/18**

[Better is 13.g3± 0.84/20]

13...Nf6 1.00/20

[13...Qg5!± 0.38/18]

14.g3 0.32/22

[14.Bd3± 1.00/20]

**14...a5 15.Bg2 a4 16.0-0 Nbd7
17.Qc2 Nc5 18.Rae1 cxd5 19.exd5
Re8! 20.f4 e4 21.f5 Bd7 22.Bd4**

[22.Bxe4!? Qd8 (22...Nfxe4
23.Rf4±) 23.Bg2±]

22...Rac8 23.Qc3 Nd3? 2.83/23

[23...b5= 0.25/19 and Black stays
safe.]

24.Rxe4? 1.11/21

[24.Nxe4!+- 2.83/23 is the precise
move to win. Ne5 (24...Nxe1?
25.Bxf6 Qf8 26.Rxe1+-) 25.Nxd6
Qxd6 26.Bxe5 Qc5+ 27.Kh1]

24...Nxe4 1.67/23

[24...Ne5± 1.11/21]

25.Nxe4+-

[25.Qxd3 Nxd2 26.Qxd2 Rxc4
27.Bxg7 f6±]

25...Nc5 26.Nxc5 0.79/22

[26.Bxc5! 1.60/26 Rxc5 27.Rf4
(27.Nxc5 dxc5 28.b3 b5=)]

**26...dxc5± 27.Bxg7 White is more
active. A strong pair of Bishops.
27...Qe3+ 28.Qxe3! Rxe3 29.Bc3
Rce8 1.30/22**

[29...Kf8 0.89/22]

30.g4 0.62/22

[30.Rf4!± 1.30/22]

30...b6 1.27/24

[30...b5± 0.62/22]

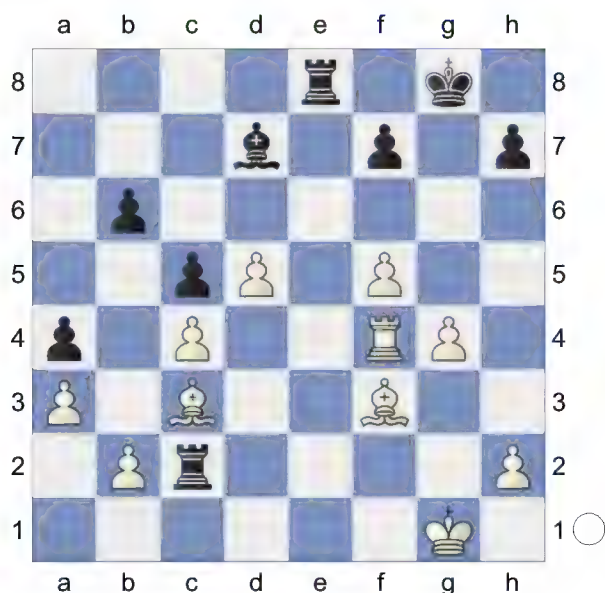
31.Rf4 Re2 1.67/20

[31...b5± 1.11/24]

32.Bf3 0.82/24

[32.h3+- 1.67/20 and White stays clearly on top.]

32...Rc2



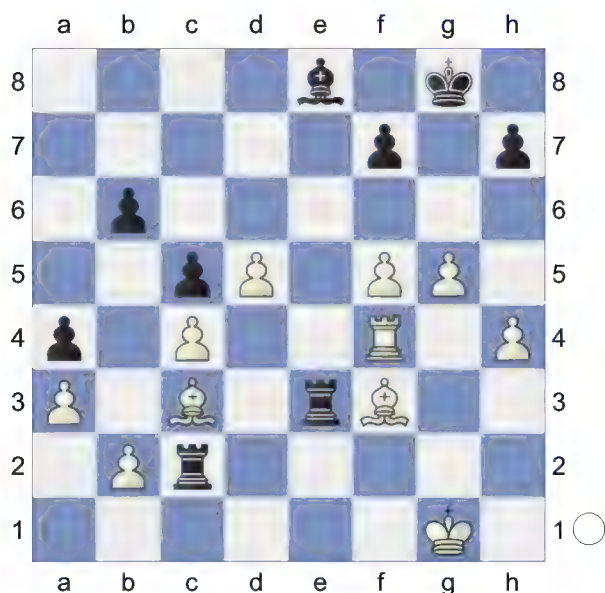
33.h4 -0.02/23

[33.Re4!± 1.02/24]

33...Re3= 34.g5↑ White is more active.

34...Be8 0.96/23

[34...b5= 0.00/25 remains equal.
35.cxb5 Bxb5]



35.h5 0.00/26

[White should try 35.Re4!± 0.96/23
Rxe4 36.Bxe4]

35...Bd7 36.h6

[36.d6 feels hotter. Rd3 37.g6 hxg6
38.hxg6 fxg6 39.Bd5+]

36...Kf8? 4.45/21 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[36...b5= 0.00/21 37.cxb5 Bxb5]

37.Kf1? 0.83/22

[37.g6+- 4.45/21 Kg8 38.d6]

37...Rexc3?? 5.02/21

[37...Kg8± 0.83/22]

38.bxc3+- Rxc3± Endgame. KRB-KRB

39.g6 Kg8 40.Bh5 hxg6 6.60/21

[40...Rh3 3.46/20]

41.fxg6+- White is clearly winning.

41...fxg6 42.Bxg6 And now Rf7 would win. **42...Rxa3 43.h7+ Kg7 44.Rf7+ Kxg6 45.h8Q**

[45.h8B? perishes. Kxf7 46.Kf2 Rh3+]

45...Kxf7 KQ-KRB 46.Qh7+ Ke8

47.Qg6+ Kd8 48.Qxb6+ Ke8 49.Qg6+ Kd8

50.Qb6+ Ke8 51.Qxc5 Rb3

52.Qa5 a3 53.c5 Rb1+ 54.Kf2 Rb2+

55.Ke3 a2 56.c6 Bh3 57.d6

Threatening mate with Qe5+. **57...Kf7**

58.d7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/
Black=0.71

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A54

□ Fressinet,Laurent

2633

■ Firouzja,Alireza

2702

Chess24 Banter Blitz Cup (3.3) 01.03.20

[Kitty Kat]

A54: Old Indian Defence with Nf3, but without e4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6

[3...e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V
(2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15)]

4.Nc3 e5 5.g3 exd4N

[5...g6 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 dxe5
8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bg5 Be7 10.0-0-0+
Nd7 11.h4 f6 12.Be3 c6 13.f4 Kc7
14.h5 g5 15.fxg5 fxg5 16.h6 Nc5
17.Bh3 Bxh3 18.Rxh3 Rad8 19.Rh5
Rhg8 20.Rf1 (61) Reference Games-
Bartkowiak,D]

6.Nxd4 g6 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.0-0

White is more active. 8...Bg7

White is slightly better. 9.b3 h5 10.Bb2
h4 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Qd2

[12.gxh4 Nxd5 13.cxd5 (13.Nxc6?
Qxh4 14.Bxg7 Nf4-+) 13...Nxd4
14.Bxd4 Qxh4=]

[12.Nc2 simplifies hxg3 13.hxg3
Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.cxd5 Ne5
16.Rc1]

12...Re8 0.45/18

[12...h3= 0.08/21 is more appropriate.
13.Bf3 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Re8]

13.Rfe1 -0.19/20

[13.gxh4 Nxd5 14.cxd5 (14.Nxc6
Qxh4 15.cxd5 Bxb2 $\bar{f}$) 14...Nxd4
15.Bxd4 Bxd4 (15...Qxh4 16.Bxg7
Kxg7 17.Rac1=) 16.Qxd4 Rxe2 $\pm$]
[13.Nb5 $\pm$ 0.45/18 Nxd5 14.Bxg7
Kxg7 15.Bxd5]

13...Ne5 0.50/21

[13...h3= -0.19/20 14.Bh1 Nxd5
15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7
17.cxd5 cxd5]

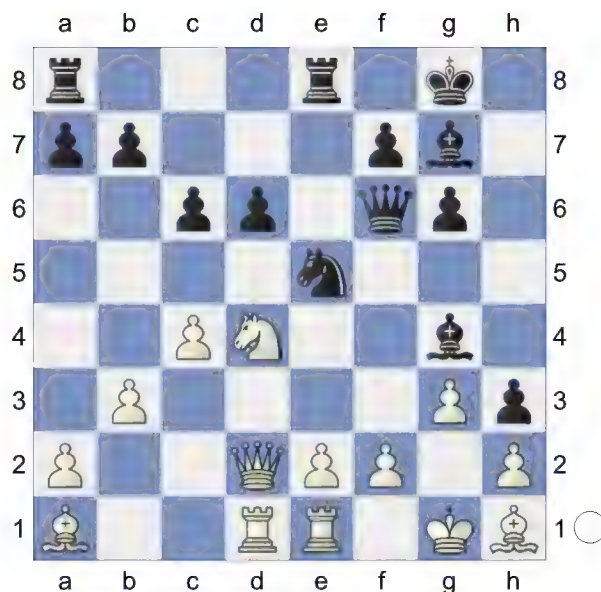
14.Rad1

[14.gxh4 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Qxh4 $\bar{f}$]

14...c6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Ba1 h3

17.Bh1 Bg4? 2.15/22

[17...Qd8 $\pm$ 0.42/23]



18.f4!+- Nd7 19.Bf3? 0.70/19

[Better is 19.Nb5+- 2.64/22 Qe7
20.Nxd6]

19...Bxf3 $\pm$ 20.Nxf3 Qe7 0.99/24

[20...Qf5! $\pm$ 0.34/25]

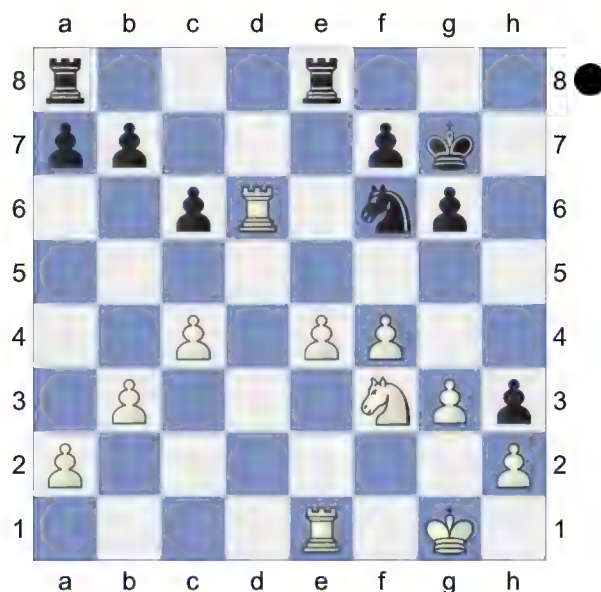
21.Bxg7 $\pm$ Kxg7 22.e4

[22.Qxd6 Qe3+ 23.Kf1 Nf6]

22...Nf6 23.Qxd6 0.10/21

[White should try 23.Ng5 $\pm$ 0.82/21
Rad8 24.Qb2 (24.Nxh3 Nxe4
25.Qd4+ Kg8=)]

23...Qxd6= 24.Rxd6



Black must now prevent e5. 24...Nxe4

25.Rd7 Ne5! would now be deadly.
25...Nc5 26.Rde7 Rxe7 27.Rxe7
Endgame. KRN-KRN 27...Kf6 0.62/23
Prevents Ne5

[Black should play 27...Rd8= 0.07/23]

28.Re2 0.01/28

[28.Rc7!± 0.62/23]

28...Ne6 29.Ne5 Rd8 30.Ng4+ Kf5

31.Nf2 Against Rd1+ 31...g5

[Much worse is 31...Nd4 32.Re5+
Kf6 33.Kf1±]

32.Re5+

[32.Nxh3 gxf4 33.Nf2 fxg3 34.hxg3
Kg6±]

32...Kf6 33.Ne4+ Kg7 34.Nxg5

[34.fxg5? perishes. Rd1+ 35.Kf2
Rh1-+]

34...Rd1+ 0.94/18

[34...Nxg5= 0.00/23 35.Rxg5+ Kf6]

35.Kf2± White now steadily converts the
win. 35...Rd2+? 4.35/28

[35...Nxg5± 0.83/21 is a better
chance. 36.Rxg5+ Kf6]

36.Re2+- White is clearly winning.

36...Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2 Nxe6+ is the strong
threat. KN-KN 37...Nd4+ 38.Kd3 Nf5

39.Nxh3 Kg6 40.Nf2 Ne7 41.Ne4 f5

42.Nd6 b6 43.b4 Kf6 44.c5 Ke6

45.Nc4 Nd5 46.cxb6 axb6 8.40/23

[46...Nxb4+ 4.85/22 47.Kd4 axb6
48.Nxb6 Nxa2]

47.a3 b5 48.Ne5 Kd6 49.Nf3 Nf6

50.Nd4 Ng4 51.Nxf5+ Ke6 52.Ne3

Nxh2 53.Ke2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28
(precise) /Black=0.54

1-0

□ Zubov,Alexander E10
2598

■ Pragganandhaa,Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Oct blitz (..
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d5 Ne7 7.e4 d6

8.dxe6 White is slightly better. 8...Bxe6

9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Nd4 Bc8

12.Bf4 h6 1.13/22

[Black should try 12...d5± 0.58/18]

13.Qd2 White has more active pieces.

13...g5 14.Be3 Ng6 15.Rad1 Re8

16.f3 Qe7 17.Rfe1 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5

2.50/20 This move loses the game for
Black.

[18...Nxd5± 0.88/18 19.Nxd5 cxd5]

19.Bb5!+- Rd8 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5
Nh4

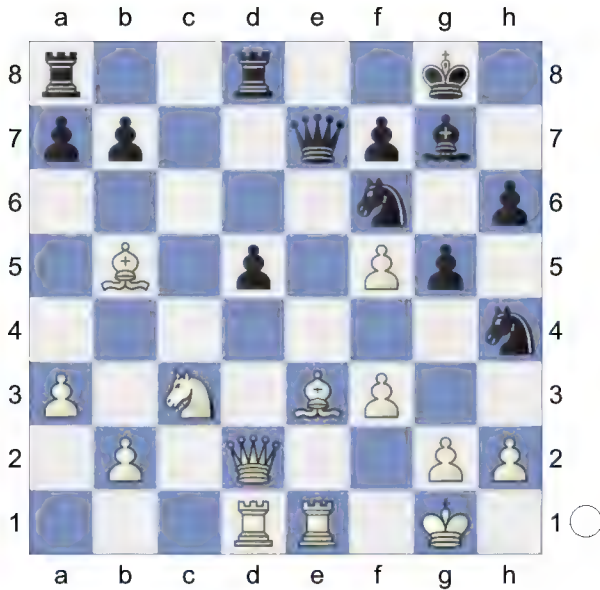
(Diagram)

22.Bb6 Prevents Qc7. Discovered

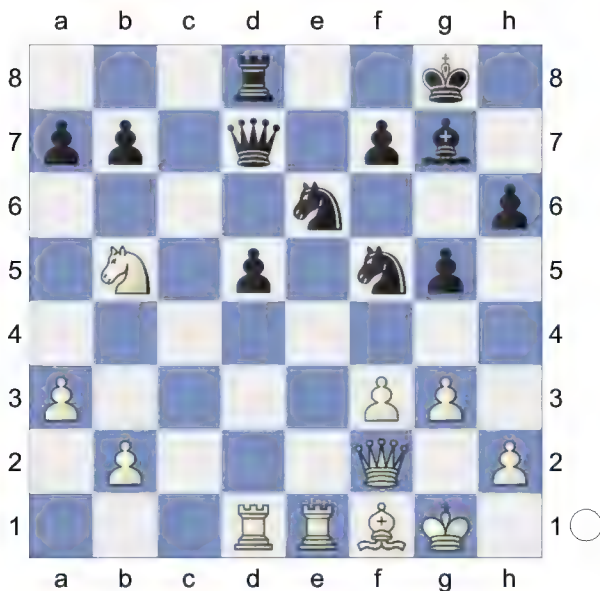
Attack 22...Qd6 23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.Bd3

Nh5 25.Qf2 Nf4 26.Bf1 Hoping for g3.

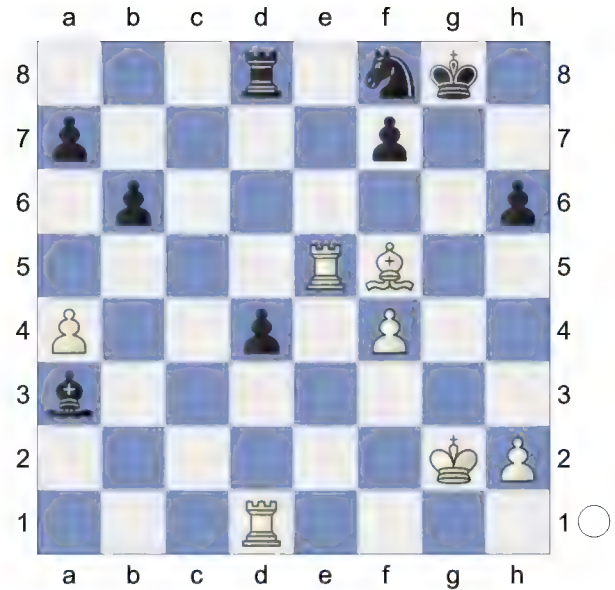
[26.Qxa7? Nhxg2 (26...Nfxg2



27.Rf1+ 27.Rf1 b6-+]
26...Nxf5 27.g3 Ne6 28.Nb5
 Wards off Bd4
 [28.Nxd5 Bd4 29.Rxd4 (29.Nf6+ Kg7+) 29...Nfxd4+]
28...Qd7



29.Bh3!
 [29.Nxa7? is the wrong capture. Bd4 30.Rxd4 Nfxd4-+]
29...Qxb5 30.Bxf5 Nf8 31.Kg2 Qxb2
32.Qxb2 Bxb2 33.a4 Ba3 2.43/26
 [33...Bf6 1.78/22 34.Rc1 Rd6]
34.Re5 d4 35.f4 gxf4 36.gxf4 b6



37.Kf3! White has strong compensation.
37...Bc5 38.Rg1+ 1.41/22
 [38.a5+- 1.80/20]
38...Kh8 2.43/21
 [38...Ng6± 1.41/22]
39.Bd3 Nh7 40.Rh5 Rd6 41.a5 Nf8
3.51/21
 [41...Re6 2.38/21]
42.a6 Rf6 43.Rf5 Nd7 44.Re1 Kg7
45.Re8 Strongly threatening Rxf6.
45...Bd6? 6.85/22
 [45...Re6 2.62/22 46.Rxe6 fxe6]
46.Rxf6 White is clearly winning.
46...Kxf6 Endgame. KRB-KBN **47.Ra8**
Nc5 48.Bb5 d3 49.Rxa7 d2 50.Be2
Nb3 51.Rd7 Nd4+ 52.Ke4 Nxe2
53.Rxd6+ KR-KN 53...Ke7 54.Rxd2
 White wants to mate with a7! **54...Nc3+**
55.Kf3 Nb5 56.Rb2 Nd4+ 57.Ke4 Nc6
58.Rxb6
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.34
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□ **Zemlyanskii, Ivan** **A50**
2492
 ■ **Bartel, Mateusz** **2657**
 Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.h4 h5 1.04/20

[5...Neg8± 0.59/17]

6.e4 Ng6 7.g3 0.25/22

[7.f3± 0.76/22]

7...Bc5 8.Bg5 White is slightly better.

8...c6 9.Qd2 d6 10.Nh3 Bg4 11.Be2 Bd4 12.Qc2 -0.36/19

[12.f3!= 0.18/20 Bd7 13.Kf1]

12...Qb6 13.f3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 Nd7 0.66/20

[14...cxd5= 0.19/18 is more appropriate. 15.exd5 0-0]

15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Kf1 -0.18/21

[White should play 16.0-0-0± 0.66/18]

16...Ne7= 17.Kg2 cxd5 18.cxd5 0-0

19.Rhh1 f5 20.exf5 Nxf5 0.01/18

[20...Bxc3± -0.41/18 feels stronger. 21.bxc3 Nxf5]

21.Rab1 -1.16/19

[21.Bd3= 0.01/18 keeps the balance. Ne7 22.Rhd1]

21...Be3 0.07/19

[21...Bf2± -1.16/19 22.Rh3 Kh8]

22.Bd3 g6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Qd3 Bxd2 25.Qxd2 Rcf8 1.82/22

[25...Nf6± 0.46/22]

26.Rhf1 1.06/21

[Better is 26.Qh6!+- 1.82/22 Nc5 27.b4 (27.Qxg6+ Kh8+-)]

26...Nf6 27.Qh6! Kf7 2.10/21

[27...Ng4± 0.88/21 was worth a try. 28.Qxg6+ (28.fxc4 Rf2+ 29.Kh3 hxc4+ 30.Kxc4 Qd4+ 31.Kh3 Rxf1=) 28...Kh8]

28.Ne4 0.82/18

[28.Rbc1+- 2.10/21 is more deadly.]

28...Nxd5± 29.Ng5+ 0.00/24

[29.Rbe1!± 1.08/19]

29...Ke7? 2.10/18

[29...Rxc5!= 0.00/24 30.Qh7+ (30.hxc5 Ne3+ 31.Kh1 Rg8=) 30...Kf6 31.hxc5+ Kxc5]

30.Qg7+-

[30.Qxc6 Ne3+ 31.Kh3 (31.Kh1 Nxf1 32.Rxf1 Qc6=) 31...d5 (31...Nxf1? 32.Qe6+ Kd8 33.Rc1+-) 32.Qg7+ Kd6±]

30...R8f7 31.Qxc6 0.73/23

[31.Nxf7+- 1.78/23 Ne3+ 32.Kh3 Rxf7 33.Qxc6 Nxf1 34.Rxf1]

31...Ne3+± 32.Kh3 Chess con chili.

32...Nxf1 1.38/20

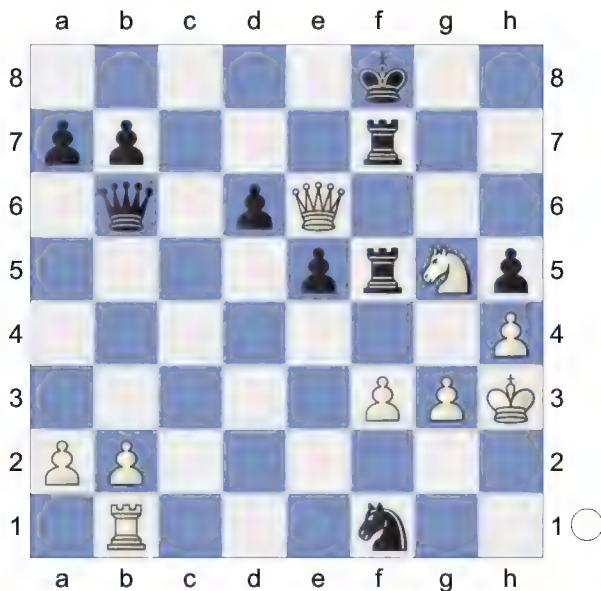
[△32...d5 0.75/21 33.Qxb6 axb6]

33.Qe6+

[33.Nxf7 Rxf3 (33...Qf2 34.Qxd6+ Kxf7 35.Qd7+ Kf6 36.Qd6+ Kf7 37.Qd7+ Kg6 38.Qe8+ Rf7 39.Qe6+

Kg7 40.Qxe5+ Rf6 41.Qe7+ Rf7
 42.Qg5+ Kf8 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Qg5+
 Kh7 45.Qxh5+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kf8
 47.Qh6+ Rg7 48.Qf6+ Rf7 49.Qh6+
 Ke7 50.Qg5+ Rf6 51.Qg7+ Ke8
 52.Qg8+ Ke7 53.Qg7+ Ke8
 54.Qh8+ Ke7 55.Qg7+=) 34.Qg5+
 Kd7 (34...Kxf7 35.Qxh5+ Ke7
 36.Qxf3=) 35.Nxe5+ dxe5=]

33...Kf8



34.Rxf1 0.22/24

[Reject 34.Nxf7?! Rxf3 35.Qh6+ Ke7
 (35...Kxf7 36.Qxh5+ Ke7 37.Qxf3=)
 36.Qg5+ Kd7 (36...Kxf7 37.Qxh5+
 Ke7 38.Qxf3=) 37.Nxe5+ dxe5=]
 [White must play 34.Qh6+!± 1.30/25
 Ke7 35.Qe6+ (35.Rxf1 R5f6±;
 35.Nxf7 Rxf3 36.Qg5+ Kd7=)
 35...Kf8 36.Qh6+ (36.Rxf1 d5=;
 36.Nxf7 Rxf3 37.Qh6+ Ke7=)
 36...Ke7 37.Rxf1]

34...Qxb2? 3.29/25

[34...Kg7= 0.22/24 and Black has
 nothing to worry.]

35.Qxd6+-

[Resist 35.Nxf7?! Rxf7 36.Qxd6+
 Kg7+-]

35...Kg7 36.Ne6+? 0.07/20

[36.Nxf7+- 2.60/26 Rxf7 37.Qd8]

36...Kh7!= 37.Ng5+ Kg7? 2.61/22

[37...Rxc5!± 0.33/24 38.hxc5 Qe2]

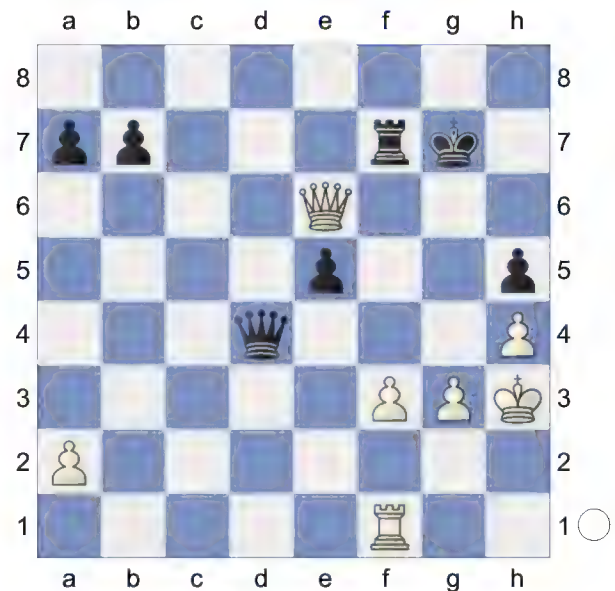
38.Nxf7+- Rxf7 Endgame. KQR-KQR

39.Qe6? 0.00/23

[White should try 39.Re1+- 3.46/24
 e4 40.Rxe4]

39...Qd4 2.97/22

[39...Qe2= 0.00/23 40.Rb1 b5]



40.Re1! Qf2? 7.05/33

[40...e4 2.70/22]

41.Qxe5+

[Inferior is 41.Rxe5 Qf1+ 42.Kh2
 Qf2+ 43.Kh3 Qf1+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+
 45.Kh3=]

41...Rf6 42.Qg5+ White mates. 42...Kf7

43.Qxh5+ Kg7 44.Re7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/
 Black=0.72

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A50
2528
2835
 Titled Tuesday intern op 14th July blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
 Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
 (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
 615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc6 c6 9.Bg5
 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.a3 Ng6 6.h4 h5 7.Bg5 d6
 8.e3 White is better. 8...Be7 9.Bd3 Nf8
 10.Qc2 Ng4 11.Bxe7 0.45/19

[11.Nh3± 0.81/23]

11...Qxe7± 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Ng5 Nc5
 14.b4 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 Bd7 16.e4
 0.00/23

[16.c5± 0.52/20]

16...f6 17.Nf3 g6 0.30/22

[♠17...0-0 -0.09/20]

18.Nd1 0-0 19.Ne3 Nh6 20.Rc1 a6
 0.52/20

[20...Bg4= 0.09/21 feels stronger.]

21.Qc2 -0.12/22

[21.c5± 0.52/20]

21...f5 0.41/21

[21...a5= -0.12/22]

22.Ng5 f4 23.Nf1 c6 1.29/23

[23...Nf7= 0.25/22]

24.Nd2 0.76/21

[♠24.dxc6! 1.29/23 Bxc6 25.Nh2]

24...cxd5± 25.exd5 Bf5 26.Nde4
 Rac8 1.22/19

[Better is 26...Nf7 0.84/20]

27.0-0 0.31/20

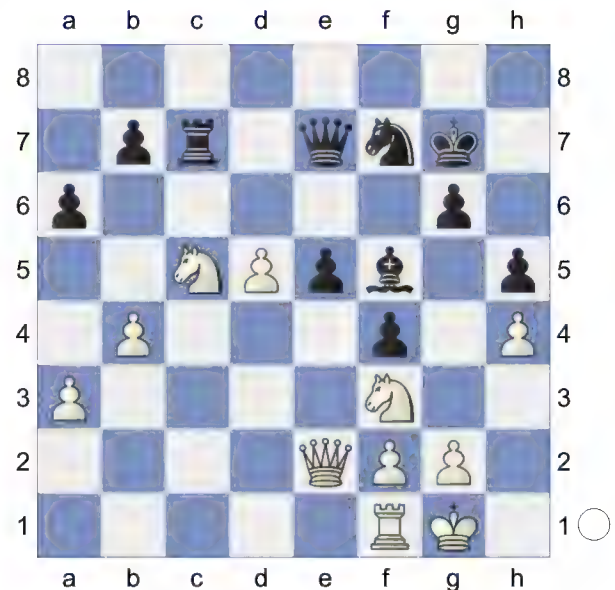
[27.c5± 1.22/19]

27...Nf7!± 28.Nf3 Rc7 29.Qe2 Rfc8

30.c5 Kg7 31.cxd6 Nxd6 32.Rxc7

Rxc7 33.Nc5 Hoping for Ne6+. A

dynamic duo of knights. 33...Nf7



34.Ng5! Nxg5 35.hxg5 Ne6+! would
 now be deadly. 35...Qd6 36.Rd1 Bg4
 0.79/23

[36...a5± 0.43/24]

37.f3↑ White is really pushing. 37...Bf5
 38.Ne4 0.13/23

[White should try 38.Re1± 0.94/21
 Re7 39.Ne6+ Bxe6 40.Qxe5+ Qxe5
 41.Rxe5 Pin]

38...Qb6+? 4.65/25

[38...Bxe4= 0.13/23 and Black stays
 safe. 39.Qxe4 Rd7]

39.Kh2+- Qe3 40.Qxe3 0.15/18

[White must play 40.Qb2+- 5.78/28

Rf7 41.Qxe5+ Kh7 42.d6 Bxe4
43.d7 (43.fxe4 Qg3+ 44.Kg1 Qe3+
45.Kh2 Qg3+ 46.Kg1 Qe3+
47.Kh2=; 43.Qxe4 Rd7+-) 43...Bxf3
44.Qxe3 (44.d8Q? too greedy. Qxe5
45.gxf3 Qe2+ 46.Kg1 Qxf3+-)
44...fxe3 45.gxf3 (45.d8B? Bxd1
46.b5 axb5+-)]

40...fxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRN 41.Re1

[41.d6 with more complications. Rc8
42.Nf6 e2 43.Re1]

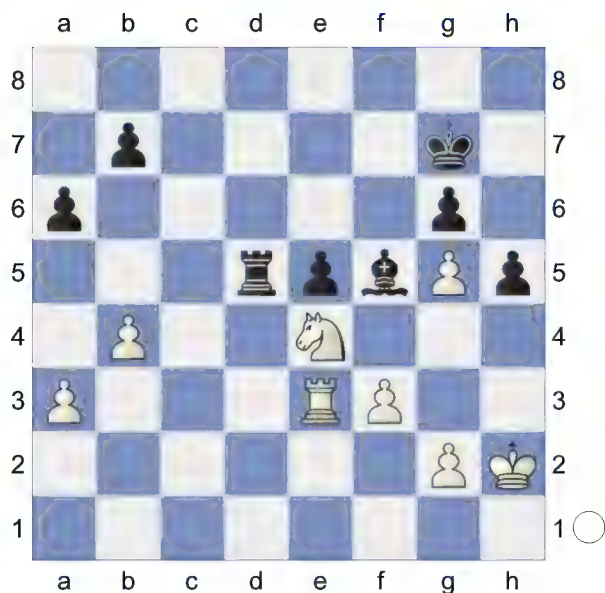
41...Rd7? 4.45/25

[41...Bxe4= 0.00/25 42.d6 Rc4
43.fxe4 Rxe4]

42.Rxe3? 0.90/21

[42.Nf6+- 4.45/25 is more deadly.
Rd8 43.Rxe3]

42...Rxd5±



43.Nf6! Deflection 43...Rd3

(Diagram)

44.Rxe5 0.45/24

[44.Rxd3!± 0.97/28 Bxd3 45.Nd7]

**44...Kf7± 45.Rc5 Rxa3 46.Rc7+ Ke6
47.Rxb7 Ra2 48.Rb6+ Ke5 49.Kg3**



**h4+ Deflection 50.Kxh4 And now Kg3
would win. 50...Rxg2 Strongly
threatening ...Kf4. 51.Ne4? -#3/19**

[51.Rxa6= 0.00/22 Kf4 52.Nd5+
Kxf3 53.Ra3+ Ke4 54.Ne3]

51...Kf4 Never resign too early!

**Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/
Black=0.41**

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□ Andreikin, Dmitry

■ Le, Tuan Minh

Titled Tuesday intern op 03rd May Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E11

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2514

E11: Bogo-Indian

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N**

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D
(2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5

20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Nbd2 d6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.a3 0.22/21
Against a5

[7.0-0!± 0.66/24]

7...Bxd2+= 8.Qxd2 a5 9.b3
White has an edge. **9...Qe7 0.88/22**

[9...e5= 0.26/22]

10.Bb2 e5 11.0-0 0.29/20

[11.d5!± 0.78/22 Nb8 12.Nh4]

11...Bg4 1.15/20

[11...e4= 0.29/20 12.Nh4 a4]

12.d5± Nb8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nh4 Bg6
15.Rae1 Nbd7 16.e4 Nc5 17.Qc2 c6
18.f4 cxd5 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.exd5
Ncd7 1.11/22

[♞20...e4 0.75/21]

21.g4 Rfe8 1.34/22

[♞21...Rac8 0.93/22]

22.Qf2 Rac8 23.a4! Qf8 24.f5! g5
25.Qd2 0.87/18

[♞25.Bc1 1.24/20]

25...Nc5 26.Qxg5 0.34/20

[26.Qxa5 Nxb3 27.Qb5 Nd4
(27...Nd2 28.Rf2±) 28.Bxd4 exd4±]

[White should play 26.h4± 0.94/18
gxh4 27.g5]

26...Nxb3± 27.Qe3 Nd4 2.00/19

[27...Nc5± 0.63/21]

28.g5? -0.06/20

[28.Qd3!+- 2.00/19]

28...Nd7? 2.14/22

[28...Nc2= -0.06/20 29.Qc1 Nxe1
30.Qxe1 Nd7]

29.Qd3+- Nc5 3.22/21

[29...Rc5 2.25/19 keeps fighting.
30.f6 Rec8]

30.Qd1 Nd7 31.Qh5 And now Be4
would win. **31...Rxc4 32.Re4? 0.78/17**

[32.Be4!+- 3.76/21 and the rest is
easy.]

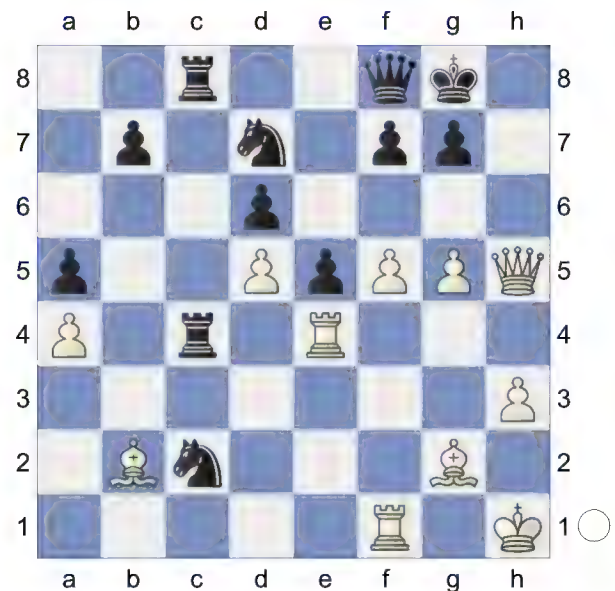
32...Rec8± 33.Kh1? -1.27/19

[33.Rh4? Ne2+ (33...Rxa4
34.Qh8#) 34.Kh2 Rxh4 35.Qxh4
Rc2+-]

[33.Rf2!± 0.56/20 Nxf5 34.Rxc4
(34.Rxf5 g6=) 34...Rxc4 35.Rxf5]

33...Nc2? 2.29/23

[33...Nxf5!± -1.27/19 34.Rxf5 g6]



Excellent horsemanship. 34.Bc1?
-0.32/25

[34.Rff4!+- 2.29/23 Threatening mate
with Rh4. Rxe4 (34...exf4 35.g6
fxg6 36.fxg6 Nf6 37.Bxf6
Remove Defender Qxf6 38.Qh7+ Kf8
39.Qh8#) 35.Bxe4 (35.Rxe4 g6+-)]

34...Qe8 35.Bd2 Nb4 36.Rfe1 -1.20/20

[36.Rh4= 0.00/22 remains equal.
Rxh4 37.Qxh4]

36...Nf8 0.00/21

[36...Nd3± -1.20/20 ...Rxe4 is the
strong threat. 37.R1e2 g6 38.fxg6
fxg6]

37.Bf1!= Rxe4 38.Rxe4 g6!↑

Black is pushing.

[38...Nxd5? 39.Rh4 Ng6 40.Bb5
(40.fxg6 fxg6 41.Qf3 Ne7+-)
40...Nxb4 41.Bxe8 Rxe8 42.Qxh4+-]

39.Qf3 -2.55/21

[39.fxg6 Nxg6 (39...Qxa4? 40.gxf7+
Kg7 41.g6+-; 39...fxg6 40.Qf3#)
40.Bb5 Qd8#]

[39.Qh6!= 0.00/21 gxf5 (39...Qxa4
40.f6 Ne6 41.dxe6 fxe6 42.Qg7#)
40.Rh4]

39...Qd7? -0.55/18

[39...Qxa4 40.fxg6 Nxg6 41.h4#]
[39...Nxd5 40.Bb5 Qe7 41.Be2+-]
[Black should try 39...Rc2+- -2.55/21
40.Bxb4 axb4 41.Rxb4 Qc8]

40.Bxb4 -3.63/21

[40.fxg6# -0.55/18 Nxg6 41.Bb5]

40...axb4+-

[40...gxf5 41.Re1 axb4 42.Bb5+-]

41.Rxb4 gxf5 42.Bb5 -5.65/20

[42.Rb1 -3.90/17 e4 (42...Qxa4
43.Qxf5 Rc7 44.Bg2#) 43.Qf2]

42...Rc1+ 43.Kg2 Qc7 44.Qxf5 Ng6

White must now prevent ...Qc5. **45.Be8
Kf8 -1.81/26**

[45...Nf4+ -5.49/21 46.Kh2 Kf8
(46...Nxd5? 47.Rh4+-) 47.Qxf7+
Qxf7 48.Bxf7 Rc2+ (48...Kxf7?
49.Rb6+-) 49.Kg3 Kxf7]

46.Bxf7 -2.68/25

[46.Qxf7+ -1.81/26 Qxf7 47.Bxf7
Kxf7 48.Rxb7+ Kf8 49.a5 Nf4+
50.Kf3]

46...Qxf7 47.Qxf7+ Kxf7 48.Rxb7+

End game. K R N - K R 48...Kf8

Threatens to win with ...Ra1. **49.a5**

aiming for a6. **49...Ra1 50.Rb6?
-4.14/24**

[50.Rb8+ -1.71/20 Ke7 51.Rb7+ Ke8
52.Kg3]

50...e4 -2.22/19

[50...Rxa5? 51.Rxd6 Nf4+ 52.Kf3+-]

[50...Nh4+ -4.14/24 51.Kf2 Ra2+
(51...Rxa5 52.Rxd6 Kg7 53.Ke2#)
52.Kg3 Ra4]

51.Rxd6? -7.18/22

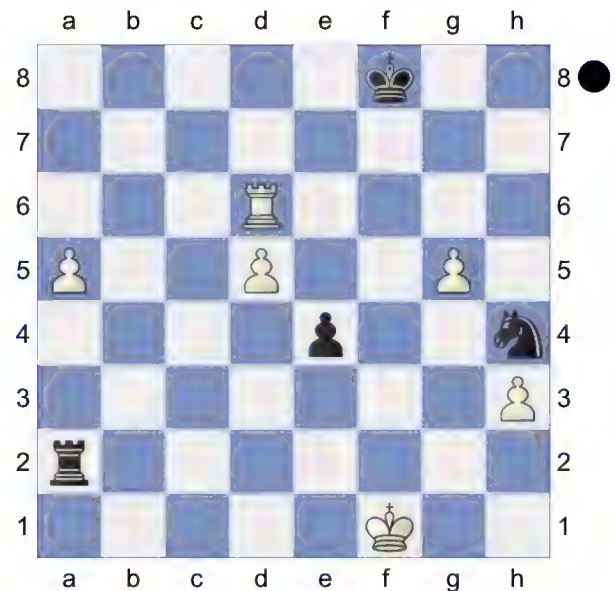
[51.Rb8+ -2.22/19 Ke7 52.Rb7+ Kd8
53.Rb8+ Kc7 54.Rb4]

51...Nh4+ Black is clearly winning.

52.Kf2 Ra2+

[52...Rxa5 53.Re6#]

53.Kf1



e3! (-> ...Rf2+)

[Less strong is 53...Rxa5 54.Rf6+
Kg7 55.Rf4#]

54.Re6 Rf2+

[54...Rxa5 55.d6 Rd5 (55...Rxc5?
is the wrong capture. 56.d7+-)
56.Rxe3=]

55.Ke1 Nf3+ 56.Kd1 Rd2+ 57.Kc1 e2

[57...Rxd5 58.Rxe3 Rc5+ 59.Kd1#]

58.d6 Rd1+

[Stronger than 58...e1R+ 59.Rxe1
Rxd6 60.Rf1=]

59.Kb2 e1Q 60.Rxe1 Nxe1 61.a6

Rxd6 62.a7 Ra6 What a bad dream for
White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/
Black=0.56

0-1

A50
 □ **Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar** 2770
 ■ **Gazik, Viktor** 2542

Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Dec blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Black, given plenty of rope, tries to hang himself but fails.

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5

[4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992]

4...Nxe5 5.e3 Bb4 6.Bd2 a5N

[6...0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qb3 Ba5 11.Rad1 Bc7 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.h3 Ng6 14.Rfe1 Nh4 15.g3 Ng6 16.Bf1 h5 17.f4 h4 18.g4 Bb6 19.Na4 Bc7 20.e4 Nxe4 21.Bg2 0-1 (34) Aghasaryan, R-Chibukhchian, A Game 18: Kajaran 2011 d5 22.cxd5 Qf6 23.g5 Qxd4+ 24.Be3 Qxd1 25.Qxd1 cxd5 26.f5 Bxf5 27.Qxd5 Nd6 28.Rc1 Rxe3 29.Rxc7 Rd3 30.Qc5 Nf4 31.Bf1 Rd1 32.Nc3 Nxe3+ 33.Kg2 Rd2+ 34.Kh1 Ne4 0-1 Branicki, I-Gebhard, D 95/(44) Cuenca 2005]

7.a3 Bc5 8.f4 -0.40/21

[8.Nf3± 0.36/20 d6 9.Be2]

8...Nc6 0.37/21

[8...Ng6 0.40/21]

9.Qf3 -0.30/23

[9.Nf3± 0.37/21]

9...0-0= 10.h3 Re8 ...Nd4 is the strong threat. 11.0-0-0 Qe7 -0.04/21

[11...a4 0.50/22 is superior. 12.Bd3 Na5]

12.Kb1? -1.63/19

[12.Nd5= -0.04/21 and White stays safe. Nxd5 13.cxd5]

12...d6? 0.30/22

[12...Bxe3 13.Re1 Bxd2 (13...Ne4? 14.Nxe4 Bxd2 15.Nf6+ Discovered Attack gxf6 16.Qg3+ Kf8 17.Rxe7+-) 14.Rxe7 Rxe7 15.Nge2=]

[12...d5!+- -1.63/19 13.g4 dxc4 (13...Bxe3 14.cxd5 Bxd2 15.Rxd2±)]

13.Bd3 -0.30/19 Prevents Bf5

[13.g4 0.30/22]

13...a4? 1.38/20

[Better is 13...Bxe3= -0.30/19 14.Re1 Bxd2 15.Rxe7 Rxe7]



14.g4!± Be6 1.88/22

[14...Qd8± 1.39/21 keeps fighting.]

15.g5+- Nd7 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.cxd5

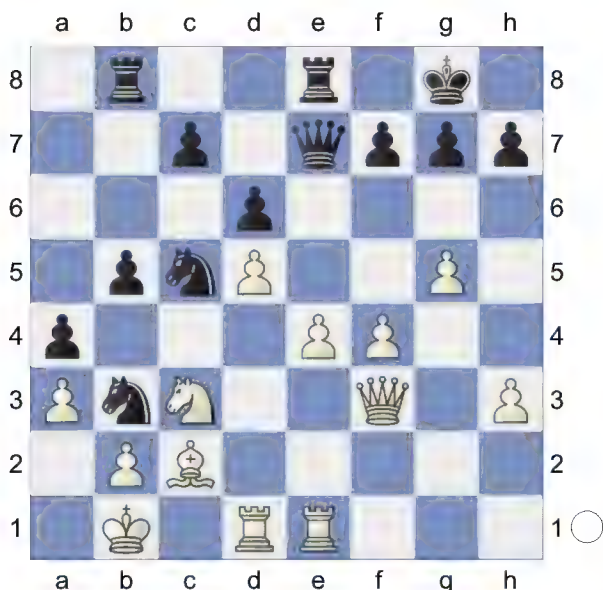
[17.Qxd5 Rad8=]

17...Na5 18.e4 0.86/22

[18.Bc3+- 1.91/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

18...Nb3 19.Bc3→ 0.42/20
 White mounts an attack.

[19.Ne2± 1.09/21]
19...Bd4? 2.09/22
 [19...b5± 0.42/20]
20.Ne2 Bxc3 21.Nxc3 Ndc5 22.Bc2 b5 23.Rhe1!
 [23.Nxb5 Nxe4 24.Bxb3 axb3=]
23...Rab8



24.Na2 Na5 25.Nb4 aiming for h4.
25...Qd7? 3.66/23
 [25...f6 2.04/16 26.e5 fxe5]
26.e5 Nc4 27.Nc6 Rb6 28.h4 b4 29.axb4 Na6 6.80/19
 [29...a3 4.41/18 30.bxc5 (30.bxa3 Ra8+-) 30...Rxb2+ 31.Ka1 Rxc2]
30.Bxa4 3.27/19
 [30.Qe4 6.80/19 g6 31.Qxc4]
30...Nxb4 31.Qc3? -0.19/24
 [White should play 31.e6+- 3.25/20 fxe6 32.Ne7+ (32.dxe6 Rxe6 33.Qb3 Rxe1=) 32...Qxe7 (32...Rxe7? 33.Bxd7 Kf8 34.dxe6+-) 33.Rxe6 (33.dxe6? Nd3+-)]
31...Qf5+ 0.38/21
 [31...Nxb2!= -0.19/24 32.Qxb2 Qf5+ (32...Nxc6 33.Qxb6 cxb6 34.dxc6=) 33.Ka1 Nxc6 (33...Qxf4 34.Rd4=) 34.Qxb6 cxb6 35.Bxc6 Rf8 36.exd6

Qh3]
32.Ka1± Threatens to win with exd6.
 Dancing on a razor blade. **32...Ra8?** 3.60/17
 [32...Nxb2? 33.exd6 (33.Qxb2 Qxf4 34.Rd4 Qg3=) 33...Ra8 34.Ne7+ (34.Qxb2? Rxa4+) 34...Kf8 35.Nxf5+-]
 [32...Ra6!± 0.38/21 33.Ne7+ (33.Qxb4? Qc2+-) 33...Rxe7 34.Qxb4 Nb6]
33.b3?? -#8/19
 [33.Ne7+- 3.60/17 Kf8 34.Nxf5 Rxa4+ 35.Kb1]
33...Rxc6? 0.00/18
 [33...Nxc6 34.dxc6 (34.Qxc4? is the wrong capture. Na5+- Deflection) 34...Qxf4 35.exd6 (35.Qxc4 gets mated. Qxc4 36.Kb2 Rxa4 37.Re3 Ra2+ Decoy 38.Kxa2 Qc2+ 39.Ka3 Ra6+ 40.Kb4 Qc5#; 35.Rd4? Rxb3 Pin 36.Qxc4 Qf3+-) 35...Nxd6 36.Rd4+-]
 [33...Rxa4+ -#8/19 mates 34.bxa4 Qc2 (34...Nc2+? 35.Ka2+-) 35.Qxc4 Qxc4 (35...Qxa4+ 36.Kb2 Nxc6+ Discovered Attack (Check) 37.Kc3 Qa3+ 38.Kd2 Rb2+ 39.Qc2 Rxc2+ 40.Kxc2 Nb4+ 41.Kd2 Qd3+ 42.Kc1 Qc2#) 36.Ne7+ Kf8 37.Ng6+ hxg6 38.Rd2 Nc2+ Discovered Attack (38...Qxf4 39.Rb2 Nd3 40.Rxb6 Remove Defender cxb6 41.Re2 Qf1+ 42.Re1 Qxe1+ 43.Ka2 Qc3 44.exd6 Qb2#; 38...Qc3+ 39.Kb1 Nd3+ 40.Ka2 Qxd2+ 41.Ka3 Qb2#) 39.Rxc2 Qxc2 40.exd6 Qxa4#]
34.dxc6= Nc2+! Excellent horsemanship. **35.Ka2 Nxe1** 3.00/20
 [35...Nb4+!= 0.00/18 36.Ka1 Nc2+ 37.Ka2 Nb4+ 38.Ka1]
36.Rxe1?? -2.02/20
 [36.Qxc4+- 3.00/20 is the narrow road

to win. d5 37.Rxd5]

36...Nb6? -0.25/20

[Black should try 36...d5-+ -2.02/20
And now ...Nb6 would win. 37.e6
fxe6]

37.exd6 cxd6 3.85/20

[37...Nxa4= -0.25/20 and Black has
nothing to worry. 38.bxa4 Qd5+
39.Kb2 Qxd6]

38.c7+- Hoping for Qc6. 38...h5 5.70/21

[38...Nd5 3.61/18 39.Qc4 g6]

39.Qc6 Qc8 40.Qxb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/
Black=1.06

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□ Ivanisevic,Ivan

**A50
2606**

■ Pragganandhaa,Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 11th May blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

**A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)**

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' **1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
(2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3

Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.a3 a5 1.09/21

[6...Bc5± 0.70/20]

7.Be3± b6 8.f3 Bc5 White is slightly
better. **9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 d6 11.g3
Nd7 12.h4 h5 0.91/21**

[12...Bxe3± 0.54/20 13.Qxe3 h5]

13.Nge2 -0.06/17

[13.Nb5± 0.91/21]

**13...Bxe3= 14.Qxe3 Nc5 15.g4 hxg4
16.h5**



Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Qxf4 f5
aiming for ...fxe4. **19.e5**

[19.exf5? Bxf5 20.Re1 Nb3+
21.Kd1 Bc2+ 22.Kxc2 Rxf4-+]

19...dxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd6 21.f4 -0.82/23

[21.Qxd6= -0.04/20 cxd6 22.Be2]

21...Bd7↑ ...Rfe8 is the strong threat.
Black is pushing. 22.Bg2? -2.39/23

[22.h6!± -0.55/20 Rf6 23.Qxd6 cxd6
24.hxg7]

**22...Rae8 23.Qxd6 cxd6 24.b4
-2.69/23**

[24.h6 -1.89/18]

24...axb4 25.axb4 Na6 -0.31/23

[25...Ne4-+ -1.98/24 26.Bxe4 fxe4]

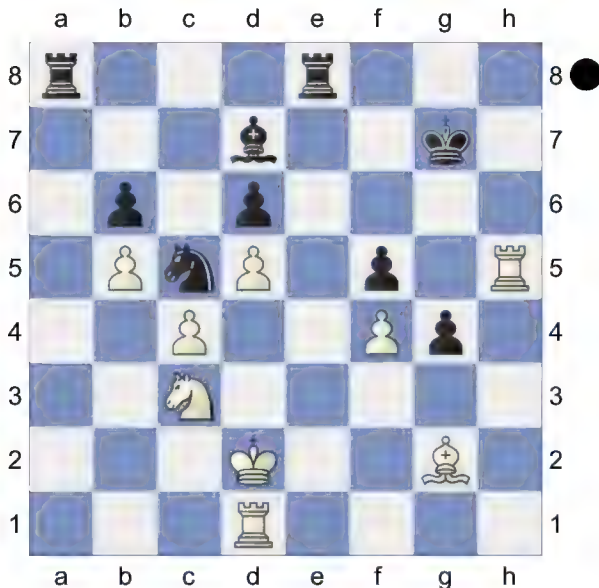
26.b5? -2.39/22

[26.Kd2 ♖ -0.31/23]

26...Nc5+ 27.Kd2 Ra8 28.h6 Rfe8
-0.90/20

[28...g5+ -2.22/20 and Black stays
clearly on top. 29.fxg5 f4]

29.hxg7 ♗ Kxg7 30.Rh5



Rh8! Black is more active. 31.Rdh1
Rxb5 32.Rxb5 Ra3 33.Rh1 Nb3+
34.Kc2 Na5 -0.20/24

[Black should play 34...Nc5 ♗ -0.90/24]

35.Kd3 -0.96/24

[35.Re1= -0.20/24 keeps the balance.
Kf6 (35...Nxc4? is the wrong capture.
36.Bf1+-) 36.c5 bxc5 37.b6]

35...Rb3 0.00/29

[Black should try 35...Nb7 ♗ -0.96/24
36.Re1 Nc5+ 37.Kd2 Ra8]

36.Re1 Kf6 Wards off Re7. Threatens
to win with ...Rb4.

[36...Kg6! ?]

37.Bf1 Rb4 38.Kd4 Nb3+ 39.Kd3
Nc5+ 40.Kc2 Nb3 41.Kd3

[41.Rb1! ? Nd4+ ♖ 42.Kd2 Rxb1
43.Nxb1=]

41...Na5 42.Kd4 Rb2 43.Re2 Nb3+
44.Kd3? -5.33/20

[44.Ke3= 0.06/22 Rxe2+ 45.Bxe2]

44...Nc1+-+ 45.Ke3 Nxe2 46.Bxe2
Endgame. KRB-KBN 46...Rc2 47.Kd3
Rc1 48.Kd2 Rh1 49.Na4 Ke7
50.Nxb6 g3 Strongly threatening ...g2.
51.Bf3 Rh2+ 52.Ke3 Ra2 53.c5 dxc5
54.d6+ Kxd6 55.Nc4+ Ke7 56.b6 Bc8
Hoping for ...g2. 57.Ne5 g2 58.Bxg2
Rxb2 59.Nc6+ Kd6 60.Na7 Bb7
(-> ...Rb2) 61.Nb5+ Kc6 62.Nc3 Kxb6
-17.80/23

[♠62...Rg3+ -#30/26 63.Kd2 Rf3
(63...Kxb6? 64.Nd1+-) 64.Nd1 Kxb6
65.Ke1 Ra3 (65...Rxf4 66.Nc3 Rc4
67.Ne2 Re4 68.Kf2 Rxe2+ 69.Kxe2
f4 70.Kd2 f3 71.Kd3 c4+ 72.Kd2
c3+ 73.Ke3 c2 74.Kd2 Be4 75.Ke3
c1Q+ 76.Kxe4 f2 77.Kf5 f1Q+
78.Kg6 Qc2+ 79.Kh5 Qh3+ 80.Kg5
Qcf5#) 66.Kd2 c4 67.Nc3 Rxc3
68.Kxc3 Kc5 69.Kd2 Kd4 70.Ke1 c3
71.Kd1 Kd3 72.Kc1 c2 73.Kb2 Bc6
(73...Kd2 74.Kb3 c1Q 75.Kb4 Bc6
76.Ka5 Qc5+ 77.Ka6 Qb5+ 78.Ka7
Qb7#) 74.Kc1 Bd7 75.Kb2 Kd2
76.Ka2 c1Q (76...c1B 77.Kb3 Kd3
78.Kb4 Bxf4 79.Ka5 Bc7+ 80.Kb4
f4 81.Kb3 f3 82.Ka3 f2 83.Kb3 f1Q
84.Kb2 Qg2+ 85.Kb1 Be5 86.Kc1
Qh1#; 76...Be6+ 77.Ka3 c1Q+
78.Ka4 Bd7+ 79.Kb3 Bc6 80.Kb4
Qc3#) 77.Kb3 Be8 78.Kb4 Qc3#]

63.Ne2 Kc7 -17.08/22

[♠63...Rxe2+ -#19/28 64.Kxe2 c4
65.Ke3 Kc5 66.Kf2 c3 67.Ke2 Kd4
68.Kd1 Kd3 69.Kc1 c2 70.Kb2 Kd2
71.Kb3 c1Q (71...c1R gets mated.
72.Kb4 Bd5 73.Kb5 Rc6 74.Ka5
Bc4 75.Kb4 Kc2 76.Ka5 Kc3
77.Ka4 Ra6#; 71...Bd5+ is a self
mate. 72.Ka3 Bc6 73.Kb4 c1Q
74.Ka5 Qc5+ 75.Ka6 Qb5+ 76.Ka7
Qb7#) 72.Kb4 Bc6 73.Ka5 Qc5+
74.Ka6 Qb5+ 75.Ka7 Qb7#]

64.Kd3 Ba6+ Black mates. 65.Ke3 Rxe2+ 66.Kf3 Re6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.35

0-1

E10

□ Pragganandhaa,Rameshbabu 2608

■ Karthikeyan,Murali 2606

Meltwater Indian Qualfier rapid (1.4)

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,

V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4

21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3

Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8

26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1

Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7

31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0

8.0-0 Re8 9.d5 Ne7 10.Re1 h6

White is slightly better. 11.dxe6 Bxe6

12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Be3 a6 14.Qd2 g5

15.Rad1 White is more active. 15...Ng6

16.f3 Kh7 17.Bf1 g4 1.56/21

[Δ17...Ne5 0.94/18]

18.f4!±

[Don't take 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5

Ne5±]

18...c5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Ne7

21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Kg8 23.Bxc5

Nxf5 24.Rdd1 g3 25.Bd3! Rxe1+

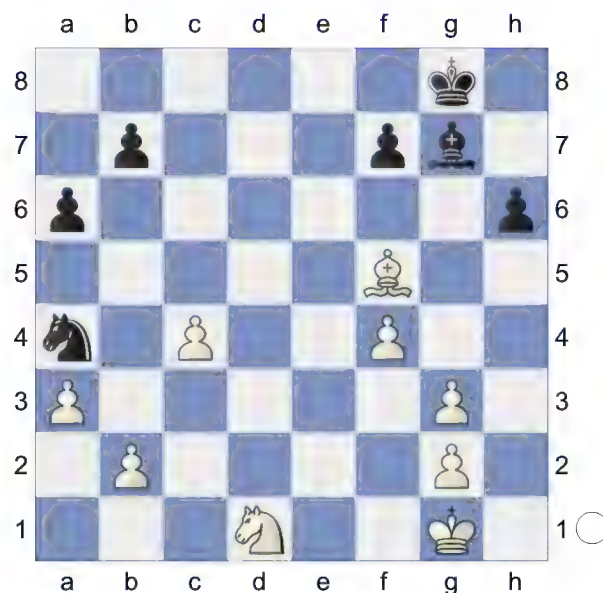
26.Rxe1 Nd7 27.hxg3 Nxc5 28.Bxf5 Rd8 1.96/21

[28...b5± 1.43/20]

29.Rd1+- Rxd1+ 2.55/18

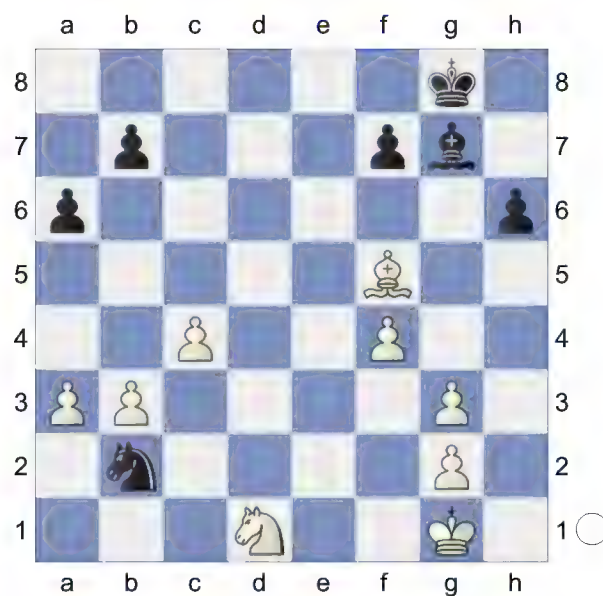
[Δ29...Re8 1.77/19 30.Kf2 b5]

30.Nxd1 Endgame. KBN-KBN 30...Na4



31.b3 Nb2 3.97/25

[Δ31...Nc3 2.73/20]



32.Nf2! b5 33.cxb5 axb5 34.Bd7 Bf8

35.Bxb5 Bxa3 36.Kf1 Kg7 37.Ke2 f5

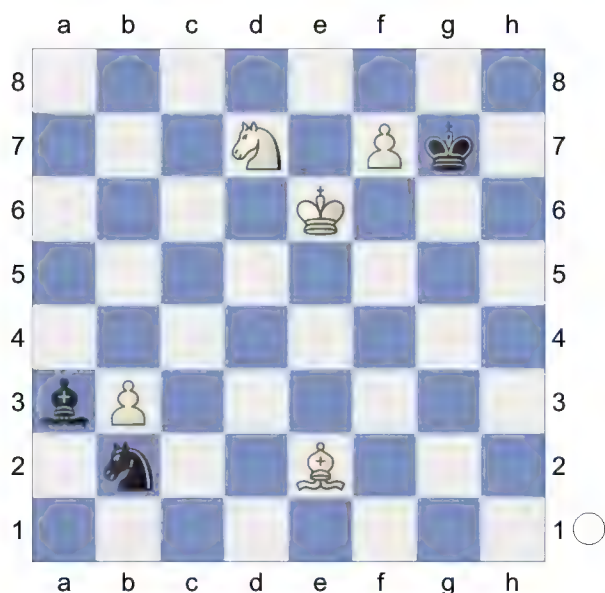
38.g4 fxg4 39.Nxg4 Bd6 40.g3 h5

41.Ne3 Nf5+ is the strong threat.

41...Kf8? 6.87/22

[41...Kf7 3.91/18 42.Bc6 Bc5]

42.Kf3 White is clearly winning. 42...Bc5
43.Be2 Kg7 44.Nd5 Kh6 45.Nc3 Bb4
46.Ne4 Be1 47.Ke3 Kg6 48.Kd4 h4
49.gxh4 Bxh4 50.Ke5 Bd8 51.Ke6
aiming for f5+. 51...Kg7 52.f5 Kf8
53.f6 Threatens to win with Nc5.
53...Ba5 54.f7 Bb4 55.Nf6 Kg7
56.Nd7 Ba3



57.f8Q+! Bxf8 58.Nxf8 Kxf8 KB-KN
59.Kd5 13.73/31

[♖59.Kd6 29.79/33 Kf7 60.Kc5 Kg6
61.Kb4 Kf7 62.Kc3 Kg7 63.Kxb2
Kf6 64.Kc3]

59...Ke7 60.Kd4 Kd6 61.Kc3 Na4+
62.bxa4 Kc7 63.Kb4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very
precise) /Black=0.32

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□ Bok,Benjamin E33

2624

■ Karthikeyan,Murali

2606

Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Jan blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
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V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bd2 d6 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 e5 10.d5 Nb8
11.Nd2 c6 12.dxc6 White is slightly
better. 12...Nxc6 13.Bd3 h6 14.Ne4
0.18/24

[14.0-0± 0.59/22]

14...Be6 0.55/20

[14...Nxe4= 0.18/24
is more appropriate. 15.Bxe4 Be6]

15.Nxf6+± Qxf6 16.0-0 Qh4 1.21/19

[16...d5± 0.57/20]

17.b3 0.39/18

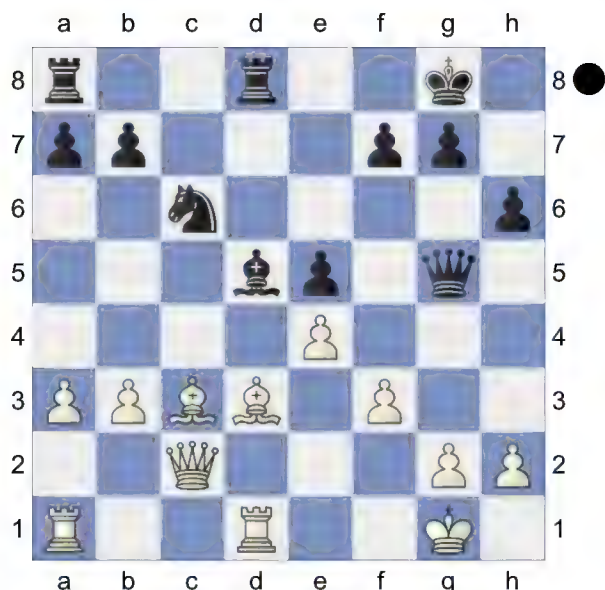
[White should play 17.f4± 1.21/19]

17...d5 18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Rfd1
aiming for Bh7+. 19...Rfd8 20.f3
-0.08/20

[20.Bf1± 0.42/21]

20...Qg5= 21.e4 -0.54/22

[21.Kf2!= -0.08/21]

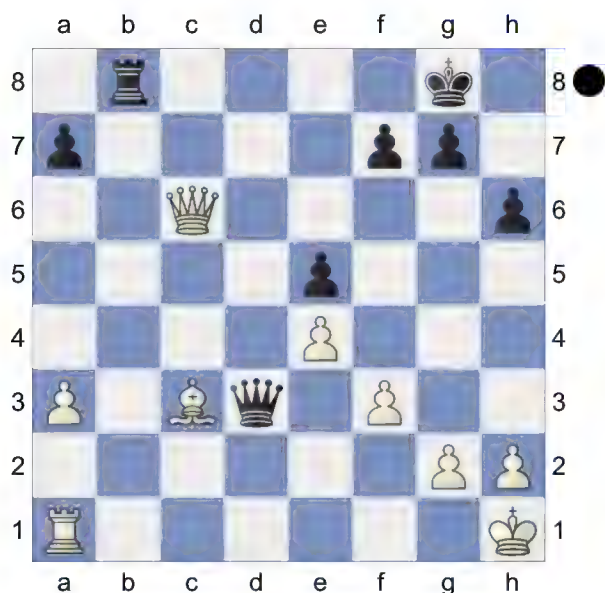


21...Bxb3 -0.16/20 22.Qxb3 Black must now prevent Bc4! **22...Qe3+ 23.Kh1 Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Qxd3 25.Qxb7? -4.71/23**

[25.Rd1!= -0.25/20 and White is okay. Qa6 26.h3]

25...Rb8+ 26.Qxc6 -#3/16

[26.Qxb8+-+ -4.65/20 Nxb8 27.Bxe5]



26...Rb1+ 27.Be1 Qf1#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/

Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1

E11

□ Pashikian,Arman

2606

■ Petrosian,Tigran L

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[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Nc3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Bg2 d6 10.d5 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 Nd8 12.0-0 e5

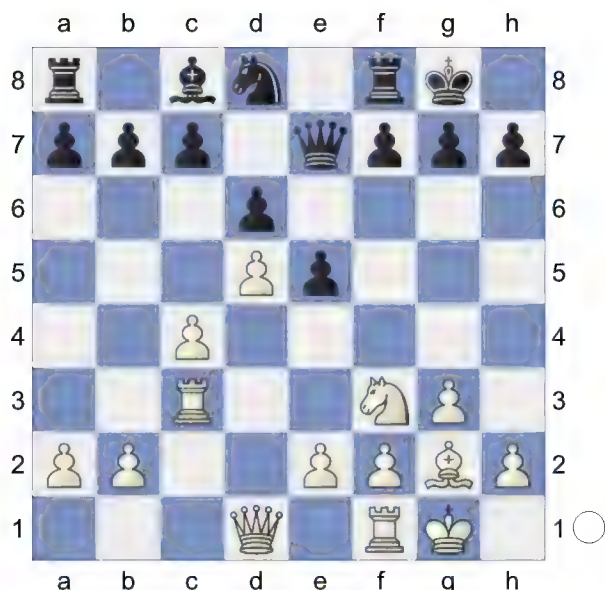
(Diagram)

13.c5! dxc5 14.Qc1 b6

(Diagram)

15.b4! The position is equal. 15...Nb7 16.Nd2 Rb8!

[16...cxb4 17.Rxc7 Qd8 18.d6 Qxd6 19.Bxb7 Bxb7 20.Rxb7±]



17.Nb3 cxb4 18.Rxc7 Qd8 19.Qc6
-0.94/20

[19.f4!= -0.25/21 e4 20.Bxe4]

19...Nd6 20.Rxa7 Bb7 21.Qc2 Qd7
Inhibits Ra4. **22.Nd2 Nb5! 23.Qa4**
And now d6 would win. **23...Rfd8!**
24.Rxb7 Rxb7 25.Qxb4 Ra7 -0.34/21

[25...Nd4 -0.91/23 26.e3 Qb5]

26.Nc4 Nd4 27.Nxe5 Nxe2+ 28.Kh1
Qd6 29.Qb2 aiming for Nc6! **29...Re8!**
30.f4 f6! 31.Nc6 -1.28/25

[31.Qb5!= -0.21/23 remains equal.
Rf8 32.Nc4]

31...Ra3 32.Qd2 -1.89/20

[32.Bf3 -1.14/18]

32...Rae3 -0.75/20

[32...Ree3+ -1.89/20 is more deadly.
Threatens to win with ...Rad3. 33.Qb2
h5 34.Qxb6 h4]

33.Rf3 -2.02/24

[33.a4 -0.75/20]

33...Qc5+ 34.Rf1 d6 is the strong
threat. 34...Qc3 35.Qd1 Strongly
threatening d6. **35...Rd3 36.Qa4 Kf8?**
0.63/21

[Better is 36...Rd2+ -2.04/22
Hoping for ...Nxc3+! 37.Nd4 Rd8
(37...Qxd4 38.Qxe8#; 37...b5
38.Qxb5 Qc8 39.Ne6=)]



37.Ne5!± Deflection 37...Re3 1.14/23

[37...fxe5? 38.fxe5+ Ke7 39.d6+-]

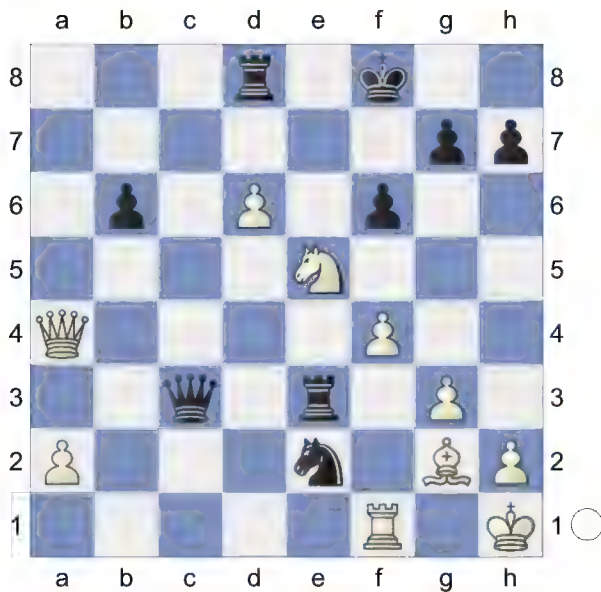
[Black should try 37...Rd2 0.55/21]

[37...Rxe5 38.fxe5]

(Diagram)

38.d6 0.34/23 Rd8

[38...fxe5 39.fxe5+]



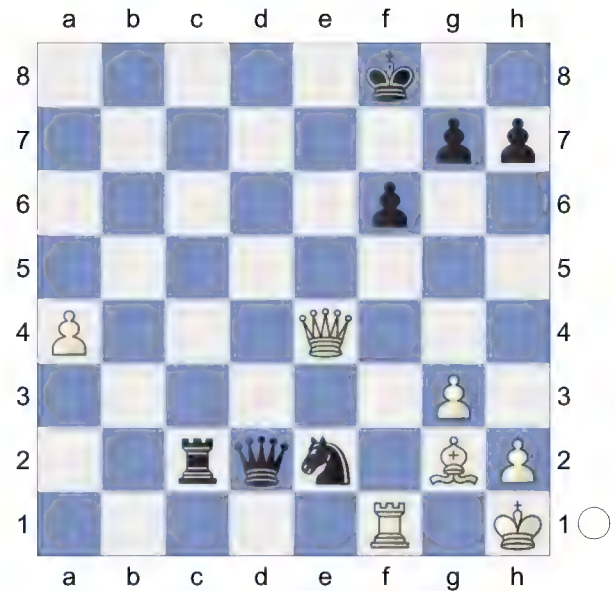
39.Qa7! The board is on fire. **39...Rxe5**
40.fxe5 → White attacks. **40...Qxe5**
41.Qxb6 Qxd6 42.Qb2 Qd2 43.Qb1
Rc8 44.a4 Rc2 (-> ...Nxc3+!) **45.Qb8+**
Ke7 46.Qb7+ 0.42/17

[46.Be4!± 0.88/24 Qa7+ would now
 be deadly. Rb2 47.Qc7+ (47.Qg8?
 Nxc3+ 48.hxc3 Qh2#) 47...Qd7
 48.Qxd7+ (48.Qc5+ Qd6±)
 48...Kxd7 49.Ra1 (49.Bxh7 Ra2±)]

46...Kf8 47.Qa8+ Ke7? 3.27/24

[47...Kf7= 0.28/19 and Black has
 nothing to worry.]

48.Qe4+!+- Kf8



49.a5!

[49.Qxh7? Nxc3+ 50.hxc3 Qxc2#]

49...Ra2 50.Qa8+

[50.Qxh7? Nxc3+ 51.hxc3 Qxc2#]

50...Ke7 51.Qb7+ Kf8 52.Qa8+

[52.Bd5? Nxc3+ 53.hxc3 Qh2#]

52...Ke7 53.Qe4+ Kf8



54.Rb1!

[54.Qxh7? leads to mate. Nxc3+
 55.hxc3 Qxc2#]

[54.Qa8+ Ke7+-]

54...Rb2 55.a6

[55.Qxh7? gets mated. Nxc3+
56.hxg3 Qxg2#]
55...Nc3 56.Qa8+
 [56.Qxh7? Qxg2#]
56...Ke7? 7.59/18
 [56...Kf7 3.44/18 57.Qa7+ Kg6
58.Rxb2 Qxb2]
57.Qa7+ Skewer. White is clearly
 winning. **57...Ke6 58.Rxb2** Deflection
58...Qxb2 59.Qe3+
 [59.Qxg7? is a self mate. Qc1+]
59...Kf7 60.a7 Nd1 61.Bd5+ Kg6
62.Qd3+ Skewer, Double Attack. White
 used his chance.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very
 precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

□ **Giri,Anish**

■ **Sadhwani,Raunak**

Titled Tuesday intern op 7th July blitz (4)

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
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20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxc7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
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op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Nc3 d6 7.d5 Bxc3
8.Bxc3 Nb8 9.Bg2 White is more
 active. White is better. **9...e5 10.0-0 0-0**



11.c5 0.36/20 Na6 0.72/24

[11...Ne4± 0.36/20]

12.cxd6 cxd6 13.Nd2 Dodges Ne4
13...Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re1 Rac8
0.92/20

[15...Nc5± 0.42/21]

16.Nf1± Bg6 17.e4 Nc5 18.Nd2
0.36/23

[18.f3± 0.78/22]

18...Nfd7± 19.Re3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5
21.Qe2 -0.10/20

[21.f4± 0.50/20]

21...Qf7 0.52/21

[21...Na4= -0.10/20]

22.g4 0.02/22

[22.f4± 0.52/21]

22...Bg6= 23.Nc4 Qe7 24.b3 Rf4
25.Rf1 Rcf8 26.Rg3 -1.42/21

[26.Bd2± -0.37/22]

26...Qf6 -0.26/22

[26...Ne4± -1.42/21 27.Re3 Nxc3
(27...Nxf2 28.Be1±; 27...Rxf2
28.Rxf2 Rxf2 29.Qe1±) 28.Rxc3
Nf6]

27.Bd2 Black must now prevent b4!

27...Rd4 28.Rf3 -0.87/22

[28.Nb2! $\mp$ -0.40/25]

28...Bd3! $\mp$ 29.Qe3 -3.47/20

[29.Qe1 $\mp$ -0.82/21 Qe7 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8 31.Be3]

29...Rf4+ 30.g5 Rxf3

[30...Qxg5 31.Qe1 Bxf1 32.Qxf1+]

31.gxf6 Rxe3 32.fxg7 Kxg7 33.Bxe3

Bxf1 34.Kxf1 Rf6 -1.20/21

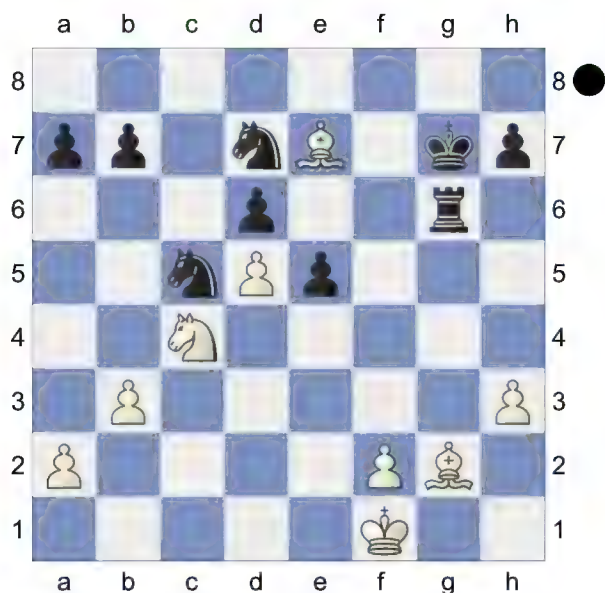
[Black should play 34...Nd3+ -1.83/26

And now ...Nf4 would win. 35.Nxd6 b6]

35.Bg5 $\mp$ Rg6 -0.90/20

[$\triangle$ 35...Rf8 -1.29/25 ...Nd3 would now be deadly. 36.Ke2 Nf6]

36.Be7



Nd3 0.12/28

[36...Kf7! $\mp$ -0.77/24 37.Bxd6 b5 38.Nxe5+ Nxe5 39.Bxc5 Ra6]

37.Nxd6

[37.Bxd6 Rf6 38.f3 Rg6 $\mp$]

37...Kg8? 1.99/24

[37...Rxg2= 0.01/25 and Black stays safe. 38.Kxg2 Nf4+ 39.Kf3 Nxd5]

38.Be4!+-

[Inferior is 38.Nxb7 Nf4 39.Be4 Ra6 $\mp$]

38...Rg7 39.Nf5

[Not 39.Bxd3 Rxe7 40.Bb5 Nf6 $\pm$]

39...Nf4 4.41/23

[39...N3c5 $\pm$ 1.36/24 40.Bc2 Rxe7 41.Nxe7+ Kf7]

40.Nxg7 White is clearly winning.

40...Kxg7 41.d6 b6 42.Bf5 A strong

pair of Bishops. **42...Nb8 43.d7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.46

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A54

White Pashikian,Arman

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Black Petrosian,Tigran L

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ARM-ch 81st Yerevan (7)

23.02.2021

[Kitty Kat]

A54: Old Indian Defence with Nf3, but without e4

Czerniak,M: 'Inf 22/125' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4

Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.d5 Ne7

6.e4 Ng6 7.g3 Be7 8.Be2 h6 9.h4

Bg4 10.Nd2N White is better.

[10.Kf1 c6 11.Ne1 Bd7 12.Nc2

cx d5 13.cxd5 Qb8 14.a4 Bd8

15.Kg2 0-0 16.f3 Ba5 17.b4 Rc8

18.bxa5 Rxc3 19.Bd2 Rc8 20.Ne3

Ne8 21.Qb3 Ne7 22.Rab1 Rc7

23.a6 b6 24.a5 Nc8 1-0 (29) Donner,

J-Kestler,H Olympiad-22 Haifa 1976

(11.3) 25.Nc4 Rc5 26.Bb4 b5

27.Nxe5 Rc7 28.Nxd7 Rxd7 29.Bd2

Qc7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Donner,J-Van den Berg,C

Amsterdam Wereldschaaktoernooi

1950 (9)]

10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 h5 1.43/20

[$\triangle$ 11...c6 0.96/24]

12.Nf1 $\pm$ Nf8 13.Ne3 N8d7 14.Nf5

0.82/20

[$\triangle$ 14.Bd2 1.36/29]

14...Bf8 15.Bg5 g6 16.Ne3 White has

more active pieces. 16...Be7 17.Nc2 a6
18.0-0-0 Ng4 1.48/21

[Black should play 18...Ng8 1.05/23]

19.Bd2! c6 20.f3 Ngf6 21.g4 Nb6
22.dxc6 0.71/20

[Δ22.g5 1.50/22 Nfd7 23.Rdg1]

22...bxc6 23.c5 dxc5 24.g5

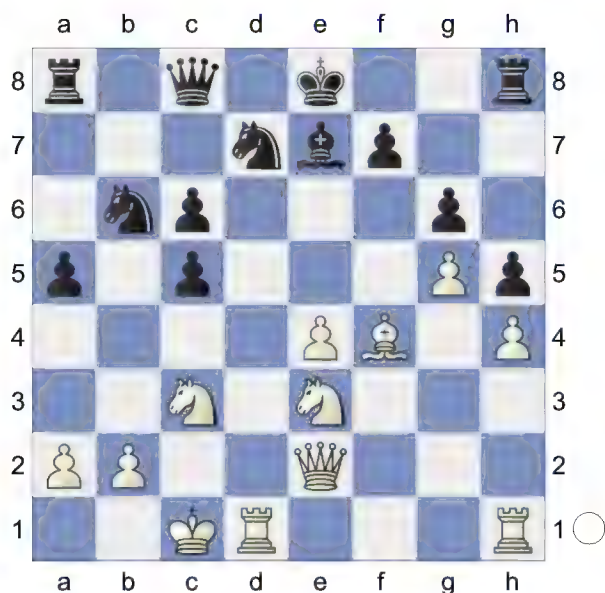
[24.Bg5 seems wilder. Nfd7 25.f4
hxg4 26.Ne3]

24...Nfd7 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4
Strongly threatening e5. 26...Qc8
1.61/22

[26...0-0= 0.25/20 and Black has
nothing to worry.]

27.Ne3!+- aiming for Nf5! 27...a5 3.04/19

[27...0-0± 1.57/22]



28.Nf5! Qa6 Threatens to win with ...
Qxe2. 29.Qxa6 1.38/19

[29.Qf3+- 3.43/24 and the rest is
easy.]

29...Rxa6± 30.Nxe7 Kxe7 31.Bd6+
0.55/19

[31.Rhe1± 1.02/22]

31...Ke6± 32.Ne2↑ White has strong
initiative. 32...Nd5 33.Bxc5

[33.exd5+ Kxd6 34.Nc3 Rb6±]

33...Nxc5 34.exd5+ cxd5 35.Nf4+!

Kf5? 2.13/24

[35...Ke7!± 0.34/21]

36.Nxd5+- Rhf1+ would now be deadly.

36...Ne6? 3.64/22

[36...Ne4 1.75/22 was necessary.]

37.Rhf1+ Kg4 38.Rg1+

[38.Rxf7 Rf8 (38...Kxh4 39.Ne7=)
39.Rxf8 Nxf8±]

38...Kh3 4.77/23

[38...Kxh4 39.Rg2 Rc8+ 40.Kb1]

[Δ38...Kf3 3.36/20 39.Rdf1+ Skewer
Ke4]

39.Rh1+ 1.97/23

[Δ39.Rd3+ 4.77/23 Kxh4 40.Rd2
Rc8+ (40...Nxc5 41.Rd4+) 41.Kb1]

39...Kg4 2.88/22

[Δ39...Kg2 1.97/23]

40.Rhg1+ Kh3? 4.79/21

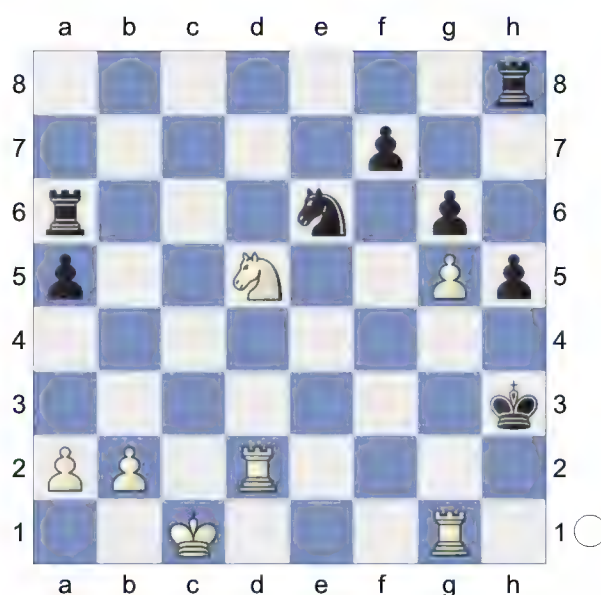
[40...Kxh4 41.Rg2 Rc8+ 42.Kb1
Nxc5 43.Rd4+]

[40...Kf5 2.01/19 keeps fighting.
41.Nf6 (41.Ne7+ Ke5+-) 41...Nf4]

41.Rd3+! White is clearly winning.

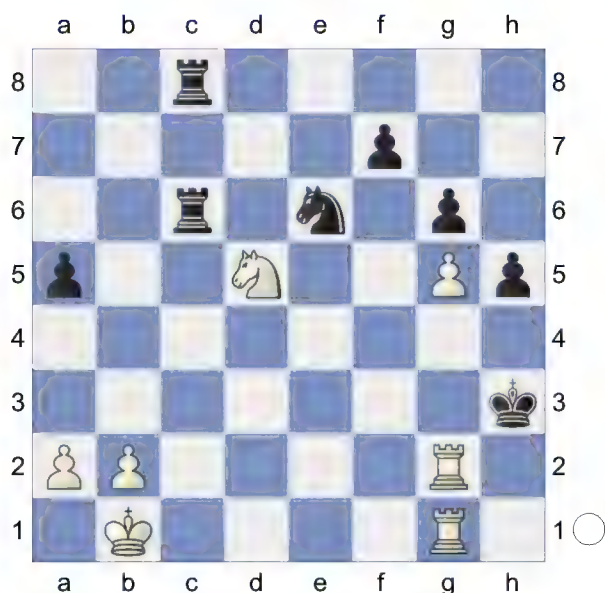
[41.Rh1+ Kg2 42.Rdg1+ Kf2±]

41...Kxh4 Hoping for ...Rc8+. 42.Rd2!
Kh3



Prevents Rh2+ 43.Rdg2! White wants
to mate with Ne3. 43...Rc6+ 44.Kb1

Intending Ne3 and mate. 44...Rhc8



And now ...Rc1+! would win. 45.Ne3!

[But not 45.Ne7? Rc1+ 46.Rxc1 Rxc1+ (46...Kxg2? is the wrong capture. 47.Rxc8 h4 48.Nd5+-) 47.Kxc1 Kxg2-+]

45...Rc1+ 46.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 47.Kxc1 Nf4 48.Rd2 h4 49.Rd7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.44

1-0

□ Itgelt,Khuyagtsogt

E10
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■ Praggananandhaa,Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

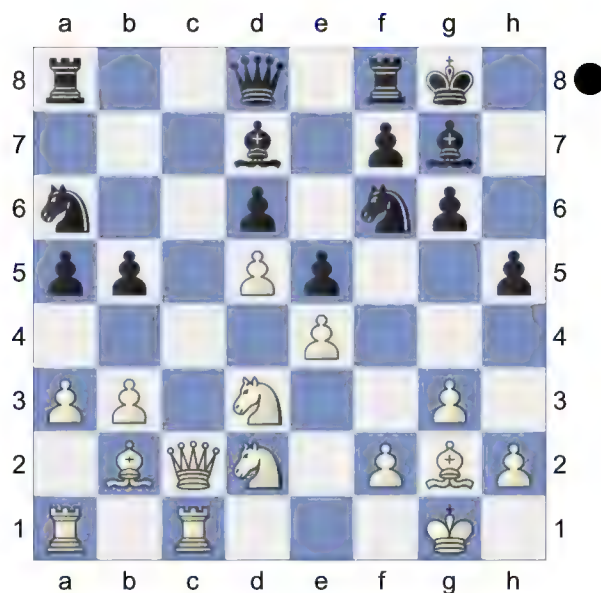
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[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better. 8...e5 9.d5 Nb8 10.e4 a5 11.b3 Na6 12.Bb2 Bd7 13.Qc2 c6 14.Rfc1 -0.57/21

[14.dxc6= -0.19/21 Bxc6 15.Rfe1]
14...cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 Prevents Nc4 16.Ne1 -0.84/23
[16.h3 -0.48/21]
16...h5 -0.42/23
[16...Rc8 -0.84/23 17.Qd1 Nc5]
17.Nd3



h4! 18.b4

[18.Qd1 h3]

18...Bh6 19.Qd1 Qb6 -0.18/21

[Better is 19...axb4 -0.95/22 aiming for ...h3. 20.axb4 h3]

20.Rc2 -0.65/22

[20.gxh4= -0.18/21 was preferable. Nh5 21.Nf3]

20...hxc3 -0.20/18 Black is more active.

[20...axb4 $\mp$ -0.65/22 21.axb4 h3]

21.hxc3= Ng4 0.34/21

[21...Rac8= -0.25/22]

22.Nb3 -0.34/20

[22.Bf3! $\pm$ 0.34/21 Nf6 23.Nb3]

22...axb4 $\mp$ 23.axb4 f5 0.81/22

[23...Rac8= -0.26/22 24.Bf3 Rxc2
(24...Ne3 25.fxe3 Rc4 26.Re2 $\pm$)
25.Qxc2 Rc8]

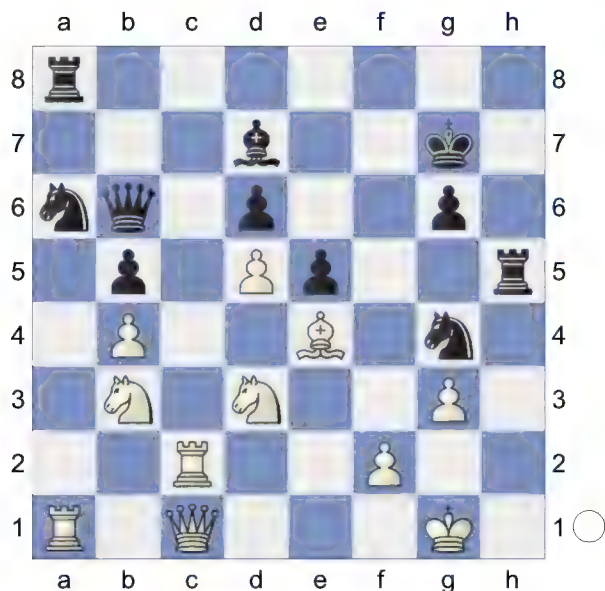
24.Bc1 -0.15/24

[White should play 24.Bh3 $\pm$ 0.81/22]

**24...Bxc1= 25.Qxc1 Kg7 26.exf5 Rxf5
...Nxb4! is the strong threat. 27.Be4!**

Rh5

[27...Rf6!?]



28.Rxa6? -2.57/27 Qxa6 -1.14/23

[28...Rxa6-+ -2.57/27 is more deadly.
29.Bf3 Ra7]

29.Rc7 $\mp$ Ra7 And now ...Nf6 would win.

30.Na5? -3.92/21

[30.Bf3 $\mp$ -0.96/19 was the only
defense. Nf6 (30...Rxc7 31.Qxc7
Nf6 32.Bg4=) 31.Rxa7 (31.Bxh5
Nxb5 32.Ndc5 dxc5 $\mp$) 31...Qxa7
32.Bxh5 gxf5 33.Nbc5 (33.Qg5+?
Kf7-+)]

30...Qb6-+ 31.Rxa7 Qxa7 32.Bf3 Rh3

[But not 32...Qd4 33.Qc7 Kh6
(33...Qa1+? 34.Nc1-+) 34.Qc1+
(34.Qxd7 is a self mate. Qa1+)
34...g5 35.Qc7]

33.Nc6 Bxc6 34.dxc6 -8.63/20

[Δ 34.Bxg4 -4.90/22 Rxg3+ 35.Kf1
Rxg4 (35...Rxd3 36.dxc6 Ra3
37.Qg5-+) 36.Qxc6]

34...Rxg3+ 35.Bg2 Rxd3 36.c7 Qxf2+

Black mates. 37.Kh1



Rh3+!! 38.Bxh3 Qh2#

**Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/
Black=0.35**

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E11
2502

Pranav, Anand

Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu

Asian Continental Blitz op 19th (2)

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N**

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5]

Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
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 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
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 op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 0-0
 8.0-0 d6 9.e4 a5 10.h3 e5 11.d5
 Nb8 12.Ne1 -0.15/23

[12.b3± 0.34/21]

12...Na6 13.Nd3 Bd7 14.Kh2
 The position is equal. 14...c6 15.a3
 cxd5 16.cxd5 Bb5 17.Qb3 Qd7
 0.03/22

[17...Bxd3± -0.42/27 is superior.
 18.Qxd3 Rfc8]

18.a4!= Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Rfc8 20.Nc4
 Threatens to win with Nb6! 20...Nc5
 21.Qa3 -0.27/23

[Δ21.Qe2! 0.14/25]

21...Ra6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re3 Qe7
 0.29/24

[23...Nxa4 -0.20/24 was preferable.
 24.Qxa4 b5 25.Nxe5 dxe5]

24.Rc1 Nfd7 25.h4 0.00/23

[25.b3± 0.44/25 feels stronger.]

25...Nb6 26.b3 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 Rb8
 28.Bf1 Rb6 29.Qb2 Rf8 0.21/24

[Δ29...g5 -0.17/24]

30.Qc2 h5 31.Qc3? -1.69/21
 Now White is beyond hope.

[31.Be2= 0.07/24]

31...Rxb3+ 32.Qxa5 -2.08/22

[32.Qe1 -1.67/22 keeps fighting.]

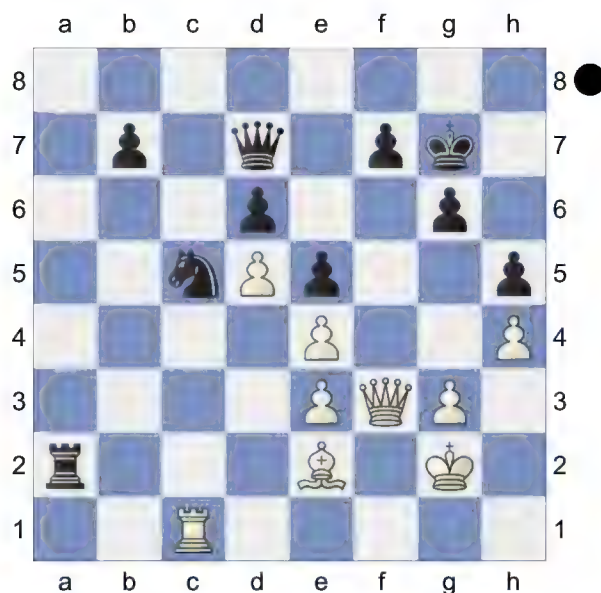
32...Rxe3 33.fxe3 Qf6 34.Qe1 -3.17/24

[Δ34.Bg2 -1.79/20]

34...Ra8 35.Be2 g6 36.a5? -4.01/22

[36.Bd1 -2.01/19 was the only
 defense.]

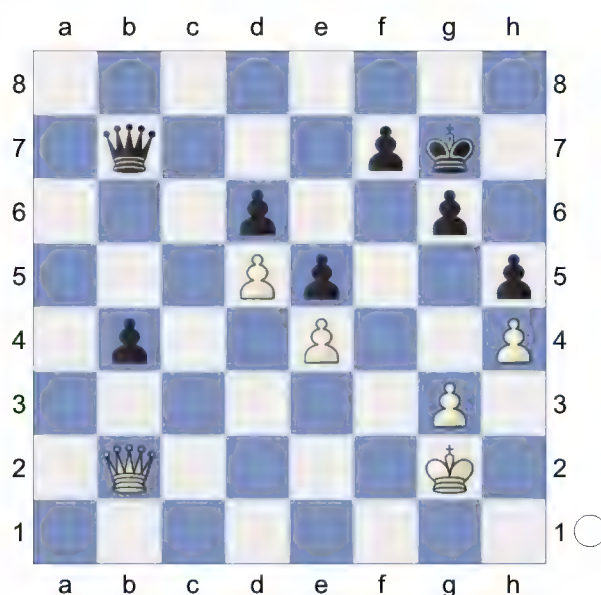
36...Qd8 37.Qf2 Rxa5 38.Qf3 Ra2
 39.Kh3 Kg7 40.Rc1 Qd7+ 41.Kg2



Nxe4! Deflection 42.Rf1

[42.Kg1 Qh3]

42...Nc3 43.Rf2 Nxe2 44.Rxe2 Rxe2+
 45.Qxe2 Endgame. KQ-KQ 45...b5
 46.Qb2 Qb7 47.e4 b4



aiming for ...b3. 48.g4 hxg4 49.h5
 gxh5 Strongly threatening ...b3. 50.Kg3

Kg6 51.Qf2 Prevents Qa7. 51...Qc8
 (-> ...Qc3+) **52.Kh4 Qd8+ 53.Kg3**
Qg5 White must now prevent ...h4+.
54.Qb6 Qf4+ -15.52/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/
 Black=0.30

[♠54...h4+ -#15/19 55.Kh2 Qd2+
 56.Kh1 g3 57.Qg1 b3 58.Qg2 Qd1+
 (58...Qc1+ gets mated. 59.Qg1 b2
 60.Kg2 h3+ 61.Kxg3 Qxg1+
 62.Kxh3 Qe3+ 63.Kh4 b1Q 64.Kg4
 Qbxe4#) 59.Qg1 Qxg1+ 60.Kxg1 b2
 61.Kg2 b1Q (61...b1B 62.Kf3
 Bxe4+ Double Attack 63.Ke3 h3
 64.Kxe4 g2 65.Kd3 h2 66.Kc4 g1Q
 67.Kb5 h1Q 68.Kb4 Qc5+ 69.Kb3
 Qb1+ 70.Ka4 Qd1#) 62.Kf3 Qd1+
 (62...Qh1+ is a self mate. 63.Ke3 g2
 64.Ke2 g1Q 65.Kd3 Qd4+ 66.Ke2
 Qhd1#) 63.Kg2 Kg5 64.Kh3 Qh1#]

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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **A50**
2603
 ■ **Bauer,Christian** **2623**
 FRA-ch Blitz Online Final (3.2) 17.05.20
 [Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)
ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
 (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
 615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5

Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.g3 -0.07/22

[White should play 6.h4± 0.81/24]

6...Bb4= 7.Qc2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6
The position is equal. 9.h4 h6 10.f3 b6
11.Be3 Nd7 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 Bd7
14.Nd3 -0.37/23

[14.Qd2= 0.00/21]

14...Ne7 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Bd3
-0.24/22

[16.f4 0.12/23 was preferable.]

16...Nc8 17.0-0 Nb6 18.Rf2 0-0 19.f4
-0.48/21

[White should try 19.Rh2= 0.15/22]

19...exf4 20.gxf4 -1.32/21

[20.Bxf4 20...Qe7 21.Re1]

20...Qxh4 21.Qd2 -1.81/24

[21.Rg2 21...Rae8]

21...Rae8 -0.79/21

[21...Bh3+ -1.81/24 aiming for ...
 Rae8. 22.Bxc5 dxc5]

22.Rh2 Qg3+ 1.08/19

[22...Bh3 22...Qg3+ Threatens to win
 with ...Qg3+. 23.Qf2 Qxf2+ 24.Kxf2
 Bg4]

23.Rg2± Qh4 24.f5 Nxc4

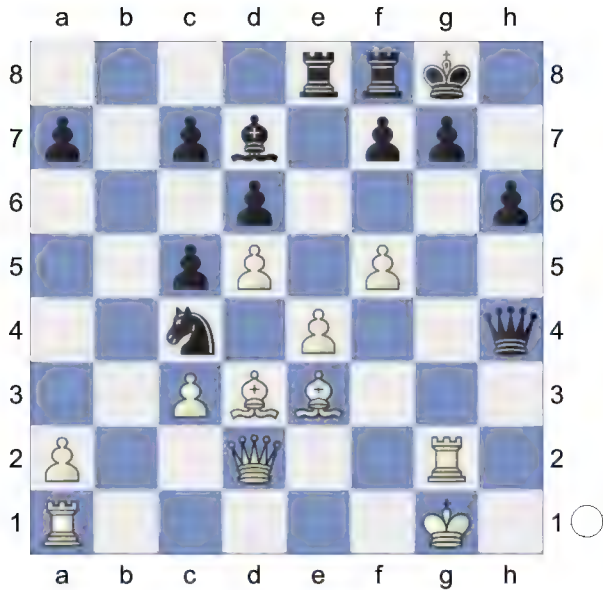
(Diagram)

Deflection 25.Bxc4 And now Bd3! would
win. 25...Rxe4 26.Bxh6 0.00/29

[26.Bd3± 0.91/28 Rg4 27.Qe2
 Rxc4 28.Qxg2]

26...Rxc4=

[26...Rg4 27.Bg5 Qh3 (27...Rxc4+?



28.Qxg2 Qh5 29.Be2+-) 28.Rxg4
Qxg4+ 29.Qg2 Qxf5 (29...Qxc4
30.Bf6 g6 31.Qh3) 30.Rf1±]

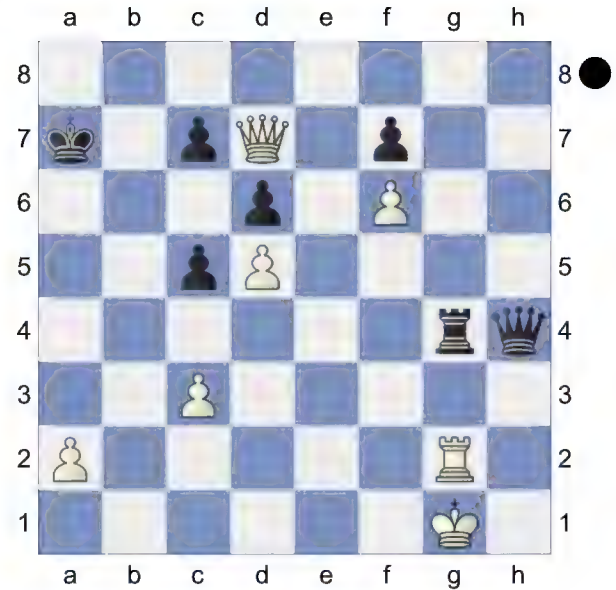
27.Bxg7 Threatening mate with Bf6+.
27...Rg4! **28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Rf1 Bb5**
30.Rf3 Bc4 31.f6 Ke8 Black has
compensation. **32.Qe3+ Kd7 33.Qe7+**
Kc8 Some like it hot **34.Qe8+ Kb7**
...Rxg2+ is the strong threat. **35.Rff2**
White wants to mate with Rb2+. **35...a6!**

[Weaker is 35...Bxd5 36.Rb2+]

[Wrong is 35...Rxg2+? 36.Rxg2 Kb6
37.Qc6+ (37.Qxf7 Qe1+ 38.Kh2
Qe5+ 39.Kg1 Qe3+ 40.Rf2 Qg3+
41.Rg2 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qh4+ 43.Kg1
Qe1+=) 37...Ka5 38.Qxc7+ Ka6
39.Qxd6+ Ka5 40.Qxc5+ Bb5
41.Qxa7+ Ba6 42.Qc5+ (42.Qxf7
Qe1+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+
45.Kh2 Qh4+ 46.Kg1=) 42...Bb5
43.Qb4+ Qxb4 44.cxb4+-]

36.Rb2+ Bb5 37.Rxb5+ axb5
38.Qxb5+ Ka7 39.Qa5+ Kb7
(-> ...Qe1+) **40.Qb5+ Ka7 41.Qd7**
-#5/21

[41.Qa5+= 0.00/26 Kb8 42.Qb5+
Ka7]



41...Qe1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/
Black=0.16 (very precise)

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□ Postny, Evgeny **E11 2600**

■ Pragganandhaa, Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 4th Aug 10am b..
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D
(2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5

33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Nc3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4
8.Rc1 0-0 9.Bg2 d6 10.0-0 a5 11.d5
Nxc3 12.Rxc3 Nb4 13.a3 Na6
14.dxe6 fxe6 White is slightly better.
15.Nd4 Kh8 1.05/20
[15...e5± 0.67/23 feels stronger.]

16.Qd2 0.28/25
[16.Re3± 1.05/20]

16...a4= 17.Nc2 0.00/26
[17.Rf3± 0.44/25]

17...Nc5 18.Nb4 e5 19.Nd3 Nb3
20.Qe3 Bg4 0.48/22
[20...c5= 0.00/21]

21.Bxb7± Rab8 22.Bg2 0.03/24
[22.Be4± 0.43/23]

22...Nd4= 23.f3 Bf5 24.Qd2 c5
0.32/17
[24...Bxd3= -0.09/25 25.Rxd3 Nb3]

25.e3 Nb3 0.43/25
[25...Bxd3= 0.06/23 deserves
consideration. 26.Rxd3 (26.Qxd3
e4=) 26...e4 27.fxe4 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1
Qf6+ 29.Qf2 Qxf2+
Remove Defender 30.Kxf2 Rxb2+
31.Ke1 Nc2+ 32.Kd1 Nxe3+
33.Rxe3 Rxc2]

26.Qe2 Bg6 27.Rd1 Rb6 28.f4 Rfb8
1.08/22
[28...exf4± 0.40/22 29.Nxf4 Bf7]

29.fxe5 0.59/19
[29.Rf1!± 1.08/22]

29...dxe5± 30.Nf2 Na5! 31.Rd2 Nb3!
32.Rd5 Na5 33.Nd1 -0.49/19
[33.Rd2= 0.00/19]

33...e4 0.72/19
[33...Bf7!± -0.49/19 keeps the upper
hand.]

34.Rd2 0.00/25
[34.Qg4± 0.72/19]

34...Nb3= 35.Rd5 Bf7 36.Rf5 Na5

0.84/22

[36...Rd8= 0.00/25 keeps the
balance.]

37.Rf4 0.40/20

[37.Rc2!± 0.84/22]

37...Bg6 1.29/21

[37...Nc6± 0.40/20]



38.Rc2!± Qe6 2.25/23

[38...Rf8± 1.30/21]

39.Nf2 Qe5 2.34/20

[39...Qe8± 1.54/21 40.Bxe4
(40.Nxe4 h6±) 40...Nb3 41.Bxg6
Qxg6]

40.Bxe4+- h6

[40...Rxb2? perishes. 41.Rxb2 Nb3
42.Qf3+- (42.Bxg6 hxg6 43.Rb1
Qd6+-)]

41.Bxg6 Rxc6 42.Rd2 Rg6 43.Nd3
Qe7 44.Qf3 R6b7 45.Re4 Qd6

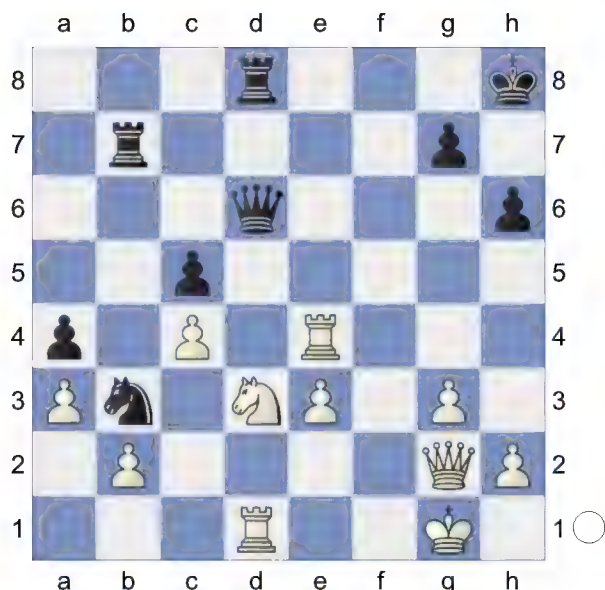
46.Qg2? 0.98/24

[46.Qf5+- 2.68/21]

46...Nb3 47.Rd1 aiming for Qf3.
47...Rd8

(Diagram)

48.Re8+ 0.09/17 Rxe8= 49.Qxb7 Rxe3



50.Qc8+

[50.Qd5 looks sharper. Qg6 51.Nf4 Qc2 52.Rf1]

50...Kh7 51.Qf5+ Qg6

[51...Kh8 with more complications. 52.Qd5 Qg6 53.Nf4 Qc2]

52.Qxg6+ Kxg6 Endgame. KRN-KRN

53.Kf2 Re4 54.Kf3 Rd4 0.56/25

[54...Kf5= 0.00/28]

55.Nf4+± Kf5 56.Rxd4 cxd4± KN-KN

57.Ke2 0.07/31

[57.g4+± 0.64/29 Ke5 58.Nd3+ Kd6 59.Ke4]

57...Ke4 58.Nd3 Prevents Nc5 58...g5?

5.61/28

[58...Kf5± 0.74/26]

59.Nf2+ Kf5 60.Kd3 h5? 4.71/24

[60...Ke6 2.70/23 was worth a try. 61.h3 Kd6]

61.h3? 0.00/34

[Better is 61.Ne4+- 4.71/24]

61...Ke5= 62.g4 Nc5+ 63.Kd2 hxg4

64.Nxg4+ Ke4 65.Nf6+ Kf4 66.Nd5+ Kg3

Black has compensation. 67.Nf6?

-6.37/32

[67.Nb4± -1.35/23]

67...Kxh3 What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/

Black=0.36

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E10

□ **Akobian,Varuzhan**

2645

■ **Caruana,Fabiano**

2817

PRO League KO Stage rapid (4.7)

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,

V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4

21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3

Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8

26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1

Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7

31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...d6 5.Nc3 g6! 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4

Bg7 8.e3 White has an edge. 8...g5

9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Be2 Nxg3 11.hxg3

Ne7 12.g4 0.34/22

[12.Qc2± 0.78/19]

12...b6 13.Qc2 Bb7 14.0-0-0 0.17/20

[14.Rd1± 0.57/23 feels stronger.]

14...Qd7= 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.c5 Kb8

0.39/28

[16...dxc5= 0.00/24 17.dxc5 Qc6]

17.Bb5 Qc8 18.cxd6 0.00/23

[18.cxb6± 0.36/24 cxb6 19.Qb3]

18...cxd6 19.Rc1 a6

[19...e5!?]

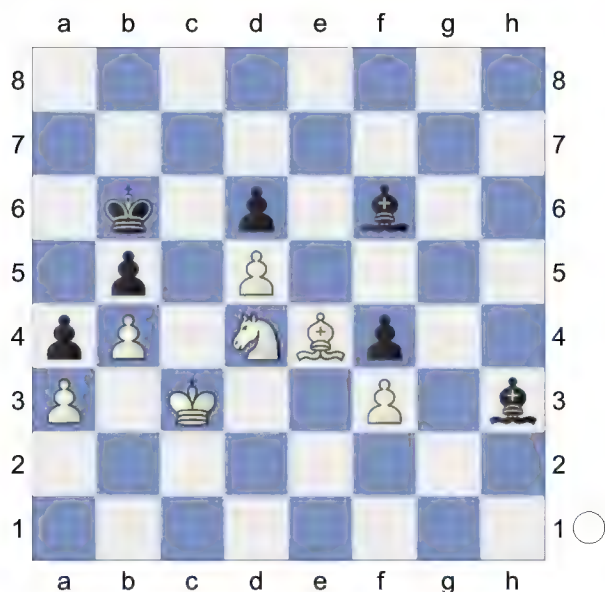
20.Bd3 And now Qe2 would win.

20...Qd7! 21.Qb3 Ka7 22.Rc2 Rc8

23.Rhc1 Nd5 24.Ne4 -0.28/22

[24.Nd2 0.09/24]

24...Rxc2 25.Rxc2 f5 26.gxf5 exf5
27.Nc3 Nxc3+ 28.Rxc3 f4 29.exf4
gxf4 30.Qc2 Rc8 Prevents Rc7.
31.Rxc8 Qxc8 32.Qxc8 Bxc8
Endgame. KBB-KBN 33.Be4 b5
34.Kc2 Kb6 35.Kd3 Bf6 36.b4 a5
37.Nd2 Be6 38.d5 Bd7 39.Nb3 a4
40.Nd4 h5 41.f3 h4 42.Kc3 h3
43.gxh3 Bxh3



White must now prevent ...Bg2. 44.Kd3? -5.18/36

[44.Bd3= 0.00/43 and White has nothing to worry.]

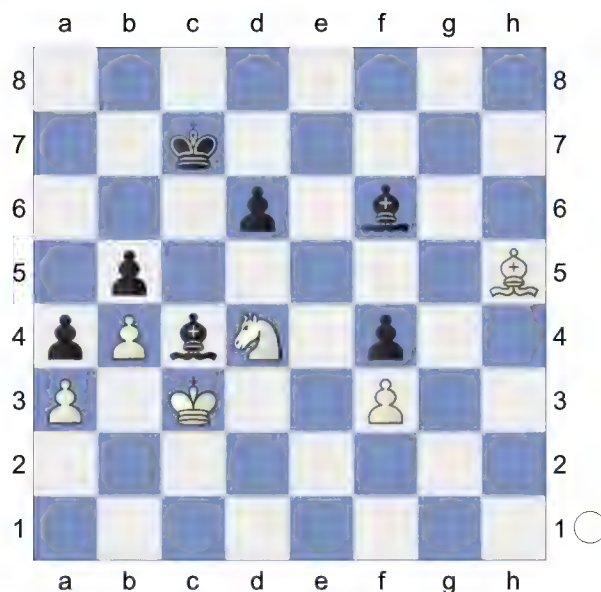
44...Bf1+-+ 45.Kc3 Bc4 46.Bf5? -7.81/24

[46.Bd3 -3.88/27 Bxd5 47.Be2 (47.Bxb5 Bxf3 48.Bxa4 Bg2+-)]

46...Bxd5 Strongly threatening ...Bb3!
Black is clearly winning. 47.Bg4 Bc4
This pair of bishops is nice. 48.Bh5 Kc7

(Diagram)

aiming for ...d5. 49.Bg4 d5 50.Be6
Kd6 (-> ...Bxd4+) 51.Bf5 Be5 52.Bd3
Ke7 53.Bf5 Kf6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/
Black=0.11 (very precise)

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E62
2554
2626
Perez Ponsa, Federico
Vocaturo, Daniele
Online Olym Div Top-C rapid (4.5)
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6
and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ...
a6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...g6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0
8.0-0 Re8 9.d5 0.22/20

[9.Re1± 0.62/22]

9...Nb8 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Nd4 Bc8
12.Qc2 Nbd7 13.Rd1 c6 14.b3

[14.Bf4!?]

14...Qe7 15.Bb2 Nc5 16.b4 Nce4
17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.e3 h5 19.Nf3 Bxb2
20.Qxb2 Bg4 21.h3 Bf5 22.Rac1
Rad8 23.b5 c5 24.a4 g5 25.Rd5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very
precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

1/2-1/2

□ Moiseenko,Alexander E10 2620
■ Gareyev,Timur 2607

Keres Memorial rap 29th rapid (8)
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d5N

[6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8
9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5
Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3
a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1
Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D

(2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) 21.bxc4

Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4
24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 Nxf4

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

6...Ne7 7.Nc3 d6 8.dxe6 White is

slightly better. 8...fxe6 9.0-0

[9.Bg5 feels hotter. h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6
11.Qc2]

9...0-0 10.e4 Nc6 11.h3 Qe7 12.Be3
Nd7 13.Rc1 Nc5 14.Qe2 0.24/21

[14.e5± 0.67/17]

14...Bd7 0.64/22

[14...b6= 0.24/21]

15.Kh2 0.13/23

[15.e5± 0.64/22]

15...Rae8= 16.a3 Nb3 17.Rcd1 b6
0.58/24

[17...a5= 0.10/23]

18.Nb5 Bc8 1.06/22

[18...Rc8± 0.55/21]

19.Qc2± Nca5 20.Nxa7 White is more
active. 20...Ba6 21.Nb5! d5 2.47/20

22.exd5+- exd5 23.Bg5? 0.34/24

[23.Rxd5 c6 24.Rd3 (24.Bg5?
Qe2+) 24...cxb5 25.Rxb3 Bb7
(25...Nxb3 26.cxb5 Bc8 27.Qxb3+
Be6 28.Qd3±) 26.Rxb5 Bxf3=]

[23.Rfe1+- 2.22/22 Black must now
prevent Bf4. Qe4 24.Qxe4 dxe4
25.Nxc7 (25.Ng5 Re7+-)]

23...Qe4 0.98/23

[23...Qe2!± 0.34/24 24.Nd2 Rxf2
25.Rxf2 Qxf2]

24.Ne1± Qxc2 25.Nxc2

[25.Bxd5+? Kh8 26.Nxc2 c6-+]

25...c6

(Diagram)

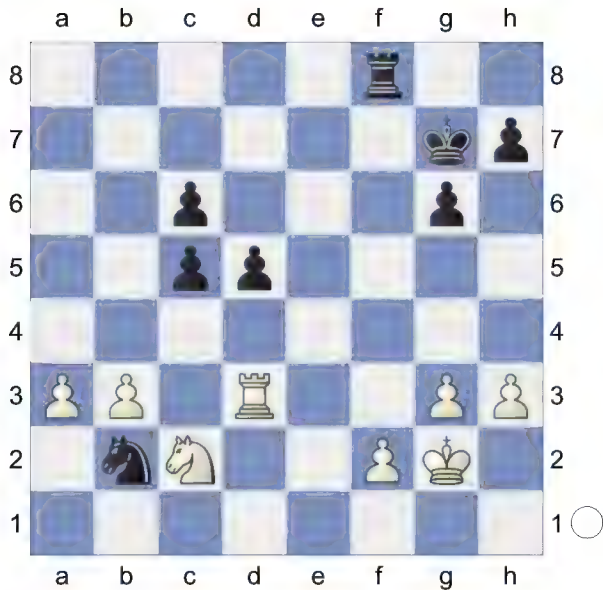
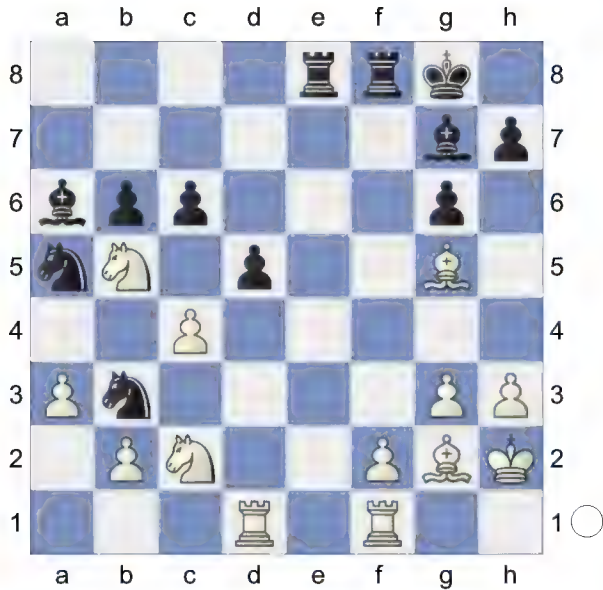
26.Nc7 -0.08/20

[26.Nb4!± 1.15/27 dxc4 27.Nd6
(27.Nxa6 cxb5 28.Bf4 Rxf4=)]

26...Bxc4= 27.Nxe8 Bxf1 28.Nxg7
Bxg2 29.Kxg2 Kxg7 30.Be3 Nc4
31.Rd3 Nc5 32.Bxc5 bxc5 Endgame.

KRN-KRN 33.b3 Nb2 0.75/23

[33...Na5= -0.06/24 remains equal.]



34.Rd2!± Ne1 would now be deadly.
White leaves nothing to chance now.

34...c4 35.Nd4 Discovered Attack

35...c3 36.Rc2 c5? 3.81/25

[36...Nd3? 37.Kg1 (37.Rxc3 Rxf2+
38.Kg1 Rd2±; 37.Ne6+ Kf6=)
37...Rf7 38.f4+- (38.Rxc3 Nxf2
39.Nxc6 Ne4±; 38.Nxc6 Nxf2
39.Rxc3 Rf6±)]
[36...Nd1± 0.90/24]

37.Ne6+- Kg8 Hoping for ...d4!
**38.Rxc3 Re8 39.Nxc5 Re2 40.Re3
Rd2 41.Rf3 d4 42.Ne6 h5 43.Rf8+**

**Kh7 44.Rf7+ Kh8 45.Rd7 d3 46.h4
Nd1 47.Nf4 Nxf2 48.Kf3**

[48.Nxg6+ Kg8±]

48...Ra2 aiming for ...d2. White is clearly
winning. **49.Nxd3**

[Not 49.Ke3? Ng4+ 50.Kd4
(50.Kxd3? perishes. Ne5+ 51.Kc3
Nxd7-+) 50...d2-+]

49...Nxd3 50.Rxd3 Rxa3 KR-KR

51.Ke4 Kg7 52.Kd5 Kf6 53.Kc4 g5

54.Rd6+ Ke7 55.Rd5 gxh4 56.gxh4

[Inferior is 56.Rxh5 hxg3 57.Rg5
Ra8=]

56...Ra1 57.Rxh5 Rc1+ 58.Kb5 Kf6

59.b4 Kg6 60.Rc5 Rh1 61.h5+ Kf6

62.Kc6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/
Black=0.44

1-0

E10
Zavgorodniy,Sergiy **2416**
Caruana,Fabiano **2782**

Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jul Late bli..
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N**

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
(2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5

33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
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5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.0-0 Ne4
0.84/21

[7...a5± 0.36/24 feels stronger.]

8.e3 0.48/22

[8.Qc2± 0.84/21]

8...f5 0.93/20

[8...Bd6± 0.48/22 might be stronger.]

9.a3± Bxd2 10.Nxd2 b6 11.Qa4
0.35/26

[11.Qc2± 0.71/21 Strongly
threatening cxd5. Na5 12.b3]

11...Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.b4 Ne7
0.67/24

[13...Qd7= 0.27/23]

14.Nf3

[14.Qb3 seems wilder. a5 15.bxa5
Ba6 16.axb6 Bxf1 17.b7]

14...Nc8 15.Ne5 Ncd6 16.Bb2 b5
17.Qc2 Nc4 18.Rfe1 c6 19.f3 Ned6
20.Bc3 Nxe5 1.43/21

[Better is 20...Nb6± 0.44/21]

21.dxe5 Nc4 22.Kh1 0.58/23

[White should play 22.a4± 1.52/20]

22...Qe8 23.f4 Qe6 1.48/21

[23...a5!± 0.66/20]

24.a4 Ba6 25.a5 Bc8 26.Bd4 a6
Black is weak on the dark squares
27.Bc5 Rf7 28.Bf3 Qh6 2.14/22

[28...g5± 1.02/21]

29.Rg1 Be6 30.Rg2 Kh8 31.Rag1
Rg8 32.Bd4 Qh3 33.Qd1 h6 3.40/23

[♠33...g5 2.27/22 34.g4 gxf4]

34.Qe2 g4 would now be deadly.
34...Kh7 3.52/21

[♠34...h5 2.31/19 35.Bxh5 g6]

35.g4+- fxf4 4.68/21

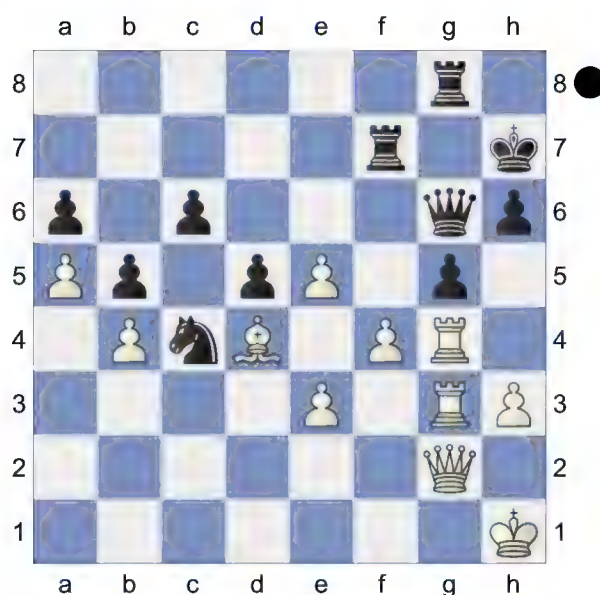
[♠35...g6 3.12/22 36.Rg3 Qh4]

36.Bxg4 Bxg4 37.Rxg4

[37.Qxg4 Qxg4 38.Rxg4 g5 39.fxf4
hxg5 40.Rxg5 Rxg5 41.Rxg5 Nd2±]

37...g5 38.R1g3 Qh5 39.Qg2 Qg6
40.h3? 1.67/18

[40.fxf4 Qb1+ 41.Qg1 Rf1
(41...Qxb4 42.g6+) 42.g6+ (42.e6?
Rxg5 43.h3 Rxg1+-+) 42...Rxg6
43.Rxg6 Rxg1+ 44.Rxg1 Qxg6
45.Rxg6 Kxg6+-]
[40.h4 4.60/23]



40...Rf5? 3.84/20

[40...Qd3 1.67/18 41.e6 (41.fxf4
hxg5 42.e6 Qf1+ 43.Qxf1 Rxf1+
44.Kg2 Rf5±) 41...Rf5]

41.Kh2 Qe6 42.h4

[42.fxf4 Nxe5 43.Bxe5 (43.Rh4
Rfxg5 44.Rxg5 Rxg5±) 43...Qxe5=]

42...Qf7 6.75/22

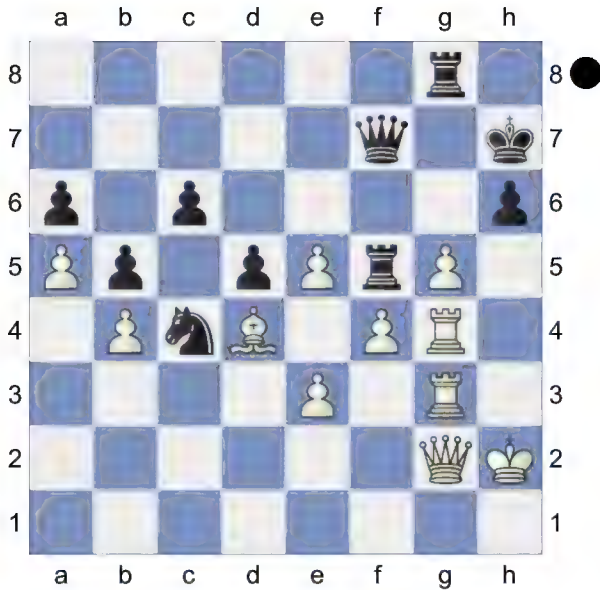
[♠42...c5 4.21/17]

43.hxg5

[43.fxf4 Rf2 44.g6+ Rxg6 45.Rxg6
Rxg2+ 46.Rxg2 Qxg6 47.Rxg6
Kxg6±]

(Diagram)

Threatening mate with g6+. 43...h5
44.Rh4 7.59/18



[44.g6+ #10/21 Kh6 45.gxf7 Rxcg4
46.e6 Nd6 47.Rxcg4 hxcg4 48.Qxcg4
Rh5+ 49.Kg2 (49.Qxh5+ Kxh5
50.f8Q Kg4 51.Qg7+ Kf5 52.Qe5+
Kg4 53.Qg5+ Kf3 54.Qg2#)]

44...Kg6 45.Rgh3 Rh8 46.Qf3 Nd2
47.Qe2 Ne4 48.Rxh5 Rxf4 49.Rh6+?
-0.19/20

[Weaker is 49.Rxh8 Rf2+=]

[49.exf4+- 9.38/26 White threatens
Rh6+ and mate. Qxf4+ 50.Kg2]

49...Kf5? 14.42/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.65. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/
e5)?

[49...Rxh6= -0.19/20 50.Rxh6+
Kxg5]

0-1

□ Osmak,Iulija

■ Caruana,Fabiano

Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

A50

2442

2766

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' **1.d4 Nf6**
2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E

(2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0

The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5

11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2

Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.h4 h5 7.g3
0.32/22

[7.f3± 0.74/21]

7...Bb4± 8.Bg5 Bxc3+ White is slightly
better. 9.bxc3 d6 10.Bh3 -0.31/20

[White should play 10.c5± 0.45/21]

10...Bxh3± 11.Nxh3 Qd7 12.Bxf6
gxf6 13.Qf3 Ke7 14.Ng1 Qa4 -0.11/22

[14...Nf8± -0.55/21 is superior.]

15.Qd3 -0.50/24

[15.Qe2= -0.11/22]

15...Rag8 16.Nf3 Nf8! 17.Nd2 Nd7
18.Nf1 -1.48/24

[18.0-0± -0.70/20]

18...Nc5± Black is more active. 19.Qe2
Kd7 20.f3? -2.83/20 This move loses
the game for White.

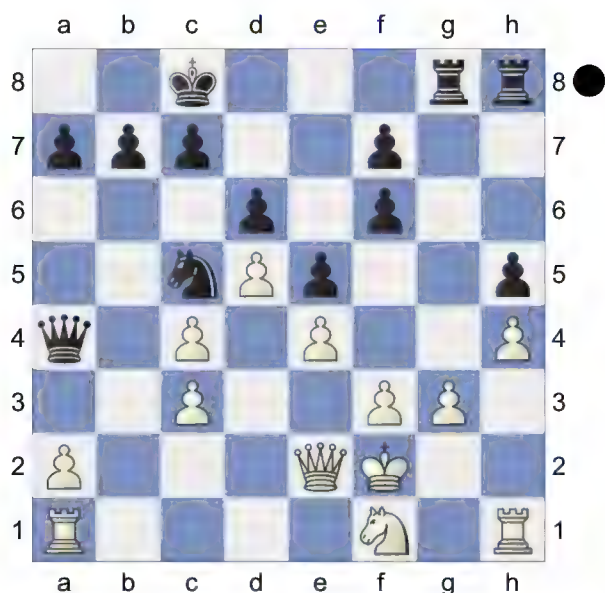
[20.Ne3± -1.27/23]

20...Kc8 -1.30/19

[20...f5-+ -2.83/20 and Black stays
clearly on top. Strongly threatening ...
fxe4. 21.exf5 e4]

21.Kf2 -2.29/25

[21.Ne3 -1.30/19]



21...f5!+ 22.exf5 e4! Deflection

23.fxe4 -3.29/20

[23.Kg2 -2.09/20]

23...Rg4 24.Nd2 Qc2 25.Rhe1 Nd3+

[25...Nxe4+? is the wrong capture.

26.Nxe4 Qa4 27.c5+-]

[Don't take 25...Qxc3 26.Qe3 Qe5 (26...Nd3+ 27.Ke2) 27.Rad1+-]

26.Kf3 Nxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rhg8

[Worse is 27...Qxa2 28.e5]

28.Nf1 Qxc3+ 29.Qe3 Qxc4 30.Qxa7

b6 31.Qa3 -6.57/20 Wards off Qd3+

[31.Qa8+ -3.79/20 Kd7 32.Qc6+ Qxc6 33.dxc6+ Kxc6 34.Re3]

31...Kb7 Hoping for ...Qxf1+! 32.Kf2?

-6.12/22

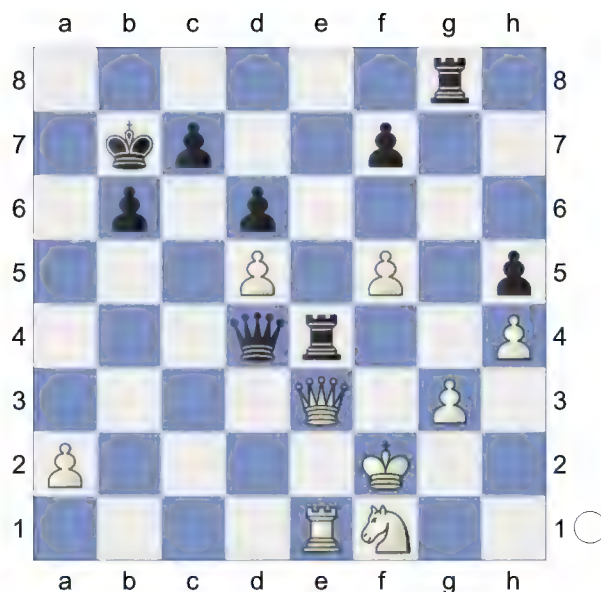
[32.Qc1 -3.70/20 Rxe4 (32...Qxa2? 33.Qc6+ Kb8 34.Rc1+-) 33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.Re7]

32...Qd4+ Black is clearly winning.

33.Qe3 Rxe4

(Diagram)

Pin 34.Qxd4 Rxd4 Endgame. KRR-



KRN 35.Re7 Rxd5 36.Rxf7 Ra8
37.Ne3 Rxa2+ 38.Kf3 Ra3 39.Re7
Rxf5+ 40.Ke4 Rc5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/
Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

E11

Yoo, Christopher Woojin

2532

Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu

Junior Speed Qual blitz (1.29) 18.04.22

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D
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U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6

Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 0-0
8.0-0 d6 9.Qc2 a5 10.Qc3 e5
11.dxe5 -0.11/22

[11.d5± 0.33/21 might be stronger.
Nb8 12.e4]

11...dxe5= 12.Rfd1 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5
14.g4 Bg6 15.Nh4! Nd4 16.Nxg6
hxg6 17.Re1 -0.11/19

[17.Kf1!± 0.33/24]

17...Qb4 18.Rac1 c6 19.e3 Ne6
20.Red1 Rfd8 21.Nb1 -0.90/24

[21.Qc2!= -0.16/21 remains equal.]

21...Nc5 -0.34/22

[21...Nd7± -0.90/24 22.Qc2 Ndc5]

22.a3 Qxc3 23.Nxc3 Nb3 A dynamic
duo of knights. 24.Rc2 -1.09/26

[24.Rxd8+± -0.47/25 Rxd8 25.Rc2]

24...Rxd1+± 25.Nxd1 Rd8 -0.49/24

[25...a4± -0.98/22 26.g5 Ne8]

26.Nc3± Nd7 27.Ne4 -0.99/25

[White should play 27.Na4!± -0.49/24]

27...Ndc5 0.00/26

[27...a4± -0.99/25 28.c5 Kf8 (28...f5
29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Nd6±)]

28.Nxc5!= The position is equal.

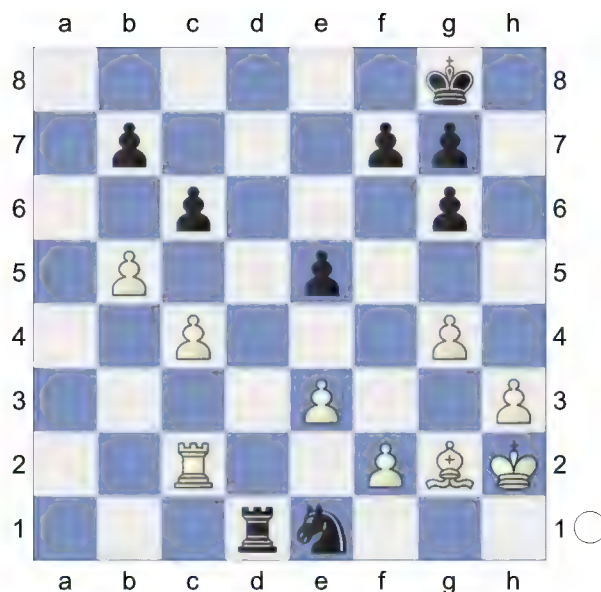
28...Nxc5 Endgame. KRB-KRN 29.b4!
axb4 30.axb4 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Nd3
32.b5 Ne1

(Diagram)

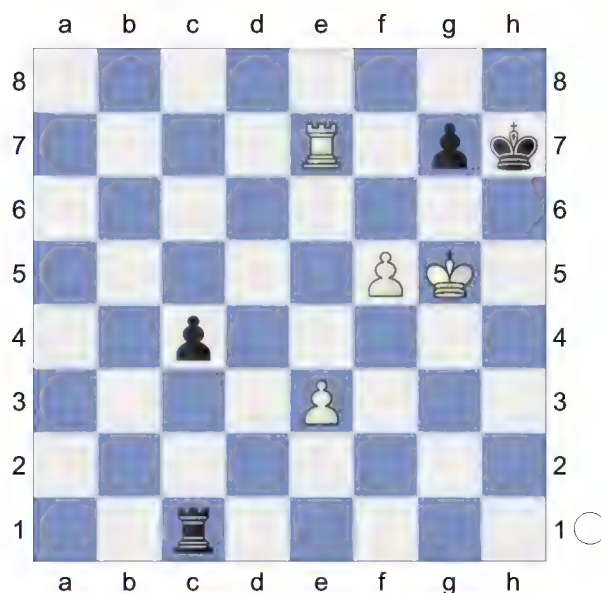
Inhibits Bf3. 33.bxc6! bxc6

[33...Nxc2? 34.c7 (34.cxb7?
Rd8+) 34...b5 35.c8Q++- (35.c8R+
Kh7+-)]

34.Ra2 Nxg2 35.Kxg2 Threatens to
win with Ra8+. KR-KR 35...Rc1 36.Ra5
Rxc4 37.Rxe5 f6 38.Re7 g5 39.Kg3



Rc3 40.h4 gxh4+ 41.Kxh4 Kh7 42.f4
c5 43.g5 fxg5+ 44.Kxg5 Rc1 45.f5
c4



...c3 is the strong threat. 46.Rc7 c3
Strongly threatening ...c2. 47.Kf4

[47.e4 c2 48.f6 Rg1+ 49.Kh5 c1Q
(49...c1B 50.Rxg7+ Rxg7 51.fxg7=)
50.Rxc1 Rxc1 (50...g6+ leads to
mate. 51.Kh4 Rxc1 52.Kg4 Rf1
53.Kg5 Rf2 54.e5 Rf5+ 55.Kh4 g5+
56.Kh3 Rxe5 57.f7 Kg7 58.f8R Kxf8
59.Kg3 Kg7 60.Kh3 Kf6 61.Kh2 Kf5
62.Kg2 g4 63.Kh1 g3 64.Kg2 Kf4

65.Kg1 Kf3 66.Kf1 Re6 67.Kg1 Re1#) 51.Kg5 Rf1 52.f7 Rxf7 53.e5 Rf1 54.Kh5 Rf5+ 55.Kg4 Kg6 (55...Rxe5 56.Kf4 Re8 57.Kf5 Kh6 58.Kf4 Kh5 59.Kf5 g5 60.Kf6 g4 61.Kf7 Re1 62.Kg7 g3 63.Kh7 g2 64.Kg8 g1Q+ 65.Kf8 Kh6 66.Kf7 Qg7#) 56.e6 Re5 57.e7 Rxe7 58.Kf4 Re6 59.Kg4 Rf6 60.Kh3 Kf5 61.Kg3 Kg5 62.Kh3 Kf4 63.Kg2 Kg4 64.Kh2 Kf3 65.Kh1 Kf2 66.Kh2 Rh6#]

47...c2 White must now prevent ...Rf1+.

48.Ke4 Kh6 49.Rc6+ Kh5 50.Rc5 Kg5 51.Rc6 Kh5 52.Rc7 Kh6 53.Rc8 Kg5 54.Rc6 Kh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

1/2-1/2

☐ Wojtaszek,Radoslaw **A50 2693**
☒ Hausrath,Daniel **2465**
 Bundesliga 2223 (11.1) 19.03.2023
 [Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3

2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4 Threatens to win with h5. h5 is the strong threat. 6...h5 7.Bg5 Be7 8.g3!? White is more active. White is better. A promising side line.

Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. 8...d6 9.e4 Bg4 1.31/19 [9...Ng4 0.92/19]

10.Be2±

[Predecessor: 10.Bxf6 0.69/22 10.Be2 1.18 10.Be2 1.36 Bxf6 11.Be2 Nf8 12.Nh2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 g6 14.c5 dxc5 15.0-0-0 -0.27/21 (White should play 15.Qb5+± 0.76/23 Nd7 16.Qxb7) 15...Nd7 16.f4 1-0 (30) Palos,O (2350)-Porth,H Baden-Baden 1988]

10...Nf8 11.Nh2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 c5 1.65/19

[12...N8d7± 1.24/20 was necessary.]

13.0-0-0 N6d7 14.Bd2 a6 15.f4 1.12/21

[White should play 15.Nf1+- 1.71/20]

15...Bf6 1.56/21

[15...b5 1.12/21

A) 16.cxb5 axb5 (16...Nh7 17.bxa6 0-0) 17.Qxb5 exf4±;

B) 16.Kb1 b4]

16.Nf3 Qe7 17.Rde1 Ng6 18.Nd1 0.81/19

[18.f5+- 1.77/19 is more deadly. Ngf8 19.Kb1]

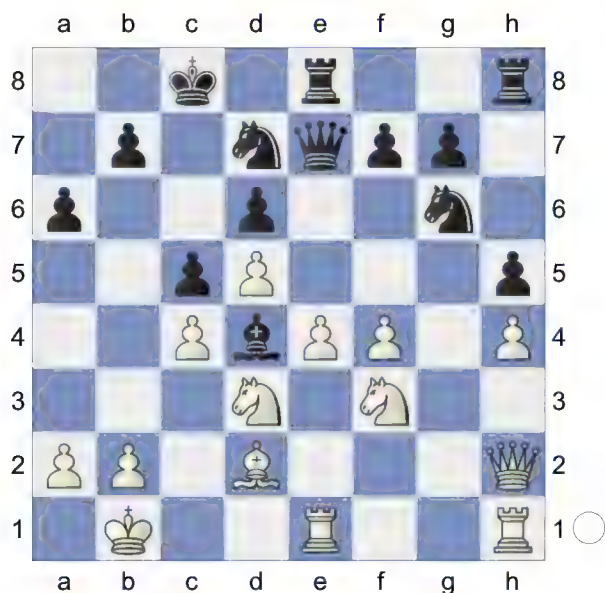
[18.Kb1+- 1.78/19]

18...Qf8 1.59/19

[18...exf4± 0.81/19 keeps fighting. 19.gxf4 b5 (19...Bd4)]

19.Nf2 Qe7 20.Kb1 exf4 2.13/24

[20...0-0-0± 1.55/20 was called for.]
21.gxf4+- 0-0-0 22.Nd3 Rde8 23.Qh2
Bd4? 3.21/21
 [Δ23...b5 1.90/17]



24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Qh3 Kb8 26.Bb4 f6
27.Rhg1 Rh6 28.Rg2 Nc5 29.Bxc5
dxc5 30.Qg3 b5 31.Rc2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.31

1-0

□ **Holt,Conrad**

■ **Pranav,Vijay**

E33

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2545

Titled Tuesday intern op 03rd Jan Late bl..

[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxc7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.b4 e5 10.d5 Nd8
11.e4 0.18/19

[11.e3± 0.73/20]

11...Nh5= 12.g3 The position is equal.

12...f5 13.Bg2 fxe4 0.31/22

[13...f4= -0.05/21]

14.Qxe4± Bf5 15.Qe3 Nf7 16.0-0 Nh6
1.27/21

[16...Qd7= 0.19/23]

17.a4 0.90/20

[Δ17.Nd4 1.27/21]

17...Qd7 18.Qg5 -0.15/24

[White should play 18.Ng5± 1.15/23]

18...Nf6!= 19.Rfe1 -0.53/24

[19.Qd2= -0.08/22 feels stronger.]

19...Bh3 And now ...Bxg2 would win.

20.Bh1 Rae8 21.b5 -1.02/25

[21.Qd2± -0.35/22]

21...Qf7 0.19/21

[Black should try 21...Nf5± -1.02/25]

22.a5 -1.18/22

[22.Qd2= 0.19/21]

(Diagram)

22...Bg4 -0.36/21 White is now going downhill.

[Better is 22...Nf5!± -1.18/22

Hoping for ...h6. 23.Qc1 h6]

23.Ra2? -2.35/22

[23.Nh4± -0.36/21]



23...Nxd5!-+ 24.Bxe5

[24.cxd5 Bxf3]

24...Nb4 Zwischenzug

[24...dxe5 25.Nxe5 Nb4 26.Bd5
Nxd5 27.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 28.Kg2 Rxf7
(28...Nxf7 29.Qxg4 Nf6 30.Qf3)
29.Qd8+ Rf8 30.Qxd5+ Be6
31.Qd2-+]

25.Rd2 Bc3 is the strong threat.

25...Bxf3

[25...dxe5 26.Nxe5 Qf6 27.Qe3]

26.Bxf3 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 dxe5 28.Bxb7

Qxc4 29.Rd7 Nf7

[29...Qxb5 30.Qxg7#]

30.Qe7 Qxb5 31.a6 -3.92/21

[31.Be4 -2.21/22 g6 (31...Qxa5?
32.Bxh7+ Deflection Kxh7
33.Qxf8+-) 32.Qe6]

31...h5? -1.00/20

[31...Nxa6 32.Bd5 Qb4 (32...Qb1+?
33.Kg2+-) 33.Qxe5+- (33.Bxf7+
Kh8+-)]

[31...c6-+ -3.92/21 is more deadly.
32.Bc8 Qc4 (32...Nxa6 33.Qxf7+
Remove Defender, Deflection, Back
Rank Rxf7 34.Rd8+ Rf8 35.Be6+
Deflection Kh8 36.Rxf8#)]

32.Rxc7? -4.82/21

[32.Be4 -1.00/20]

32...h4? -1.90/20

[32...Nxa6 33.Rc8 Rxc8 34.Bxc8-+]
[32...Nd3 -4.82/21 33.Qe6 Qa5
34.Rxf7 Rxf7]

33.gxh4? -5.76/20

[33.Rc8 -1.90/20 Rxc8 34.Bxc8]

**33...Qb6 34.Be4 Qd6 Threatens to win
with ...Qd1+. 35.Kg2 Nxa6 -1.90/21**

[35...Nd5 -3.39/25 36.Qxd6 Nf4+
37.Kg3 Nxd6]

36.Rxa7 -3.69/22

[36.Qxd6 -1.90/21 is the only way for
White. Nxd6 37.Bd5+ Nf7 38.Rb7]

**36...Nc5 37.Qxd6 Nxd6 38.Bd5+ Kh7
39.Rc7 Nce4 40.f3 Nf6 41.Bb3 Kh8
42.Re7 Nf5 43.Rxe5 Nxh4+ 44.Kg3
Nxf3 Decoy 45.Kxf3 -6.61/18**

Endgame. KRB-KRN

[45.Ra5 -4.11/18 Nd4 46.Ba2]

45...Nd7+ Discovered Attack (Check)

**46.Ke4 Nxe5 47.Kxe5 KR-KB 47...Rf2
aiming for ...Kh7! 48.h3 Kh7 49.Be6
Kh6 50.Bd7 Kg5 51.Ke4 Kh4 52.Ke3
Rf7 53.Bc8 g5 54.Ke4 Kg3? -0.09/23**

[54...Rf2-+ -17.00/24 55.Ke3 Rh2]

55.Ke3? -16.40/25

[55.Ke5= -0.09/23]

55...Rf4 Black is clearly winning. 56.Bd7 Rh4 57.Bc8 Rxh3 58.Ke4 Rh8

59.Bd7 Wards off Re8+ 59...Rf8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/ Black=0.71

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Erdos,Viktor **E33**
2614
 Mamedov,Rauf **2689**
 EU-ch 18th Minsk (9) 08.06.2017
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bg5 d6 7.e3 h6
8.Bh4 e5 9.d5 White is slightly better.

9...Nb8 10.Nd2 c6 11.Be2 -0.20/23

[11.dxc6± 0.37/20 Nxc6 12.Be2]

11...g5 0.36/21

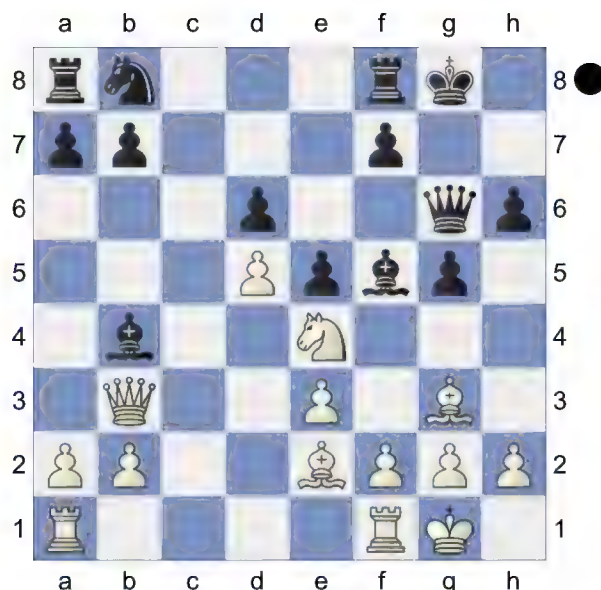
[11...Bxc3= -0.20/23 12.bxc3 Nbd7]

12.Bg3± cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5
Qf6 0.65/22

[14...f5= 0.24/23]

15.0-0 Bf5 16.Ne4 Qg6 17.Qb3

(Diagram)



And now Bh5 would win. 17...Na6
18.Bxa6

[18.Bh5!? Qg7 19.f3±]

18...bxa6 19.Qxb4 Bxe4 20.f3
Wards off f5 20...Bd3 21.Rfc1 f5

Black is weak on the dark squares
22.Rc6 Rf6 23.Rac1 0.51/19

White has more active pieces.

[Better is 23.Re1± 1.08/21]

23...Raf8! 24.f4↑ White is more active.

24...Be4? 3.99/20

[24...exf4!± 0.58/18 25.exf4 Be4]

25.fxe5+-

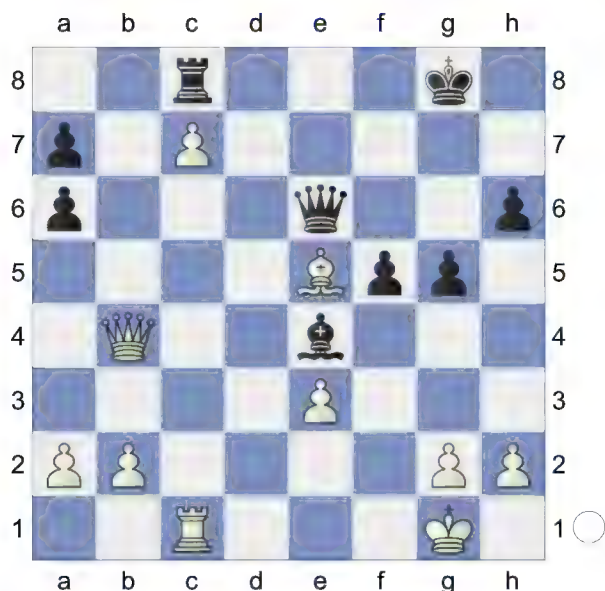
[25.Rxa6? gxf4 26.exf4 exf4+-
(26...Bxd5 27.Rd1±)]

25...dxe5 26.Bxe5 Rxc6 27.dxc6
3.75/18

[27.Rxc6 10.72/23 Qh7 28.Qd6
(28.Rxa6 f4+-; 28.Rc7 Qxc7
29.Bxc7 Bxd5+-) 28...Bxd5
29.Qxd5+ Qf7 30.Qd6 Re8 31.Qxh6
(31.Rxa6 Re7+-; 31.Rc7 Re6+-)
31...Rxe5 32.Rg6+ (32.Rxa6
Qg7+-) 32...Qxg6 33.Qxg6+ Kh8
34.Qf6+ (34.Qxg5 Rb5+-) 34...Kh7
35.Qxe5]

27...Qe6 28.c7 Black must now prevent
Rd1! 28...Rc8? 7.09/21

[28...Re8 3.82/20 29.Qb8 Bc6]



29.Rd1! Rd8+ is the strong threat.

29...Qxe5

[29...Bd5 30.Qd4]

30.Rd8+ Kh7 31.Rxc8 Bb7 32.Qxb7?
0.00/45

[32.Rh8+- 7.60/25 Kxh8 33.Qxb7
Qxe3+ 34.Kf1 Qc1+ 35.Ke2 Qc4+
36.Ke3 f4+ 37.Kf3 g4+ Decoy
38.Kxg4 Qe6+ 39.Kxf4 Qd6+
40.Ke3 Qc5+ 41.Kd3 Qf5+ 42.Kc3
(42.Qe4 Qf1+ 43.Kc2 Qf2+ 44.Kc3
Qf8+-) 42...Qf6+ 43.Kb3 Qf7+
44.Ka3 Qe7+ 45.b4 (45.Ka4 Qe8+
46.Ka5 Qb5+ 47.Qxb5 axb5
48.Kxb5 h5 49.Kc6 Kh7) 45...Qe3+
46.Ka4]

32...Qxe3+= Endgame. The position is equal. **33.Kf1 Qd3+ 34.Ke1 Qe3+**

35.Kd1 Intending Rh8+! and mate.

35...Qd3+ 36.Kc1 Qc4+! 37.Kd2 Qd4+ 38.Ke2 White threatens Rh8+! and mate. **38...Qc4+ 39.Ke1 Qc1+**

40.Ke2 Qb3! would kill now. **40...Qc4+ 41.Ke3 f4+! 42.Kd2** White wants to mate with Rd8. **42...Qd4+ 43.Ke2** Threatening mate with Rh8+! **43...Qe3+**

White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.27 (precise) . Loss on time!?

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E50

Riazantsev,Alexander 2671

Bologan,Viktor 2640

EU-ch blitz Tallinn (25) 18.12.2016

[Kitty Kat]

E50: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 d6 7.a3
0.22/19

[7.Qc2± 0.60/25]

7...Bxc3= 8.Bxc3 The position is equal.

8...Qe7 0.86/22

[8...Ne4= 0.22/21 remains equal.]

**9.b4 e5 10.Be2 Bg4 11.0-0 e4
12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rfe8 14.b5
Nb8 15.a4 Nbd7 16.a5 b6 17.Ra2 d5
18.Rfa1 0.33/20**

[White should try 18.c5!± 0.76/19]

18...Rac8 0.72/21

[18...Rab8!± 0.33/20 deserves

consideration.]

19.axb6 0.26/22

[19.c5!± 0.72/21]

19...axb6 20.Ra7 Qe6 21.Bb4 -0.33/24

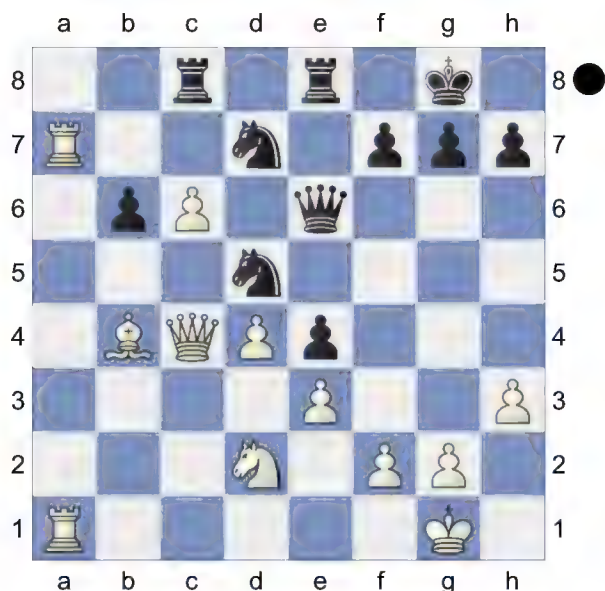
[21.c5!± 0.37/21]

21...dxc4!± 22.Qxc4 Nd5 23.h3 c6 0.87/24

[23...h5± -0.54/23 stays ahead.]

24.bxc6? -1.19/25

[24.Nxe4!± 0.87/24 stays on course.
c5 25.Bd2 (25.dxc5 Qxe4 26.Qxe4
Rxe4±) 25...cxd4 26.Qxd4]



24...Rxc6 -0.39/24

[Black should play 24...Nb8!± -1.19/25
25.Ra8 (25.c7? Nc6±) 25...Nxc6
26.Rxc8 Rxc8]

25.Qb5 Rec8 26.Ra8 h5 27.R1a7 -1.36/24

[27.Rxc8+= -0.30/24 Rxc8 28.Nf1]

(Diagram)

27...Rxa8 -0.51/21

[Better is 27...Nb8!± -1.36/24
White must now prevent ...Rc1+.
28.Nf1 Rc2]



28.Rxa8+ Kh7 29.Ra1 Dodges Rc1+
29...Rc2 30.Qa4 Rb2 -0.16/21

Black is more active.

[30...Rc8± -0.64/24

is more appropriate.]

31.Rb1= Rxb1+ 32.Nxb1 Nb8 33.Nd2
Qc6 34.Qb3 Qb5? 2.63/25

[34...Nd7= 0.00/24]

35.Bd6? -0.17/19

[35.Nxe4+- 2.63/25 Nd6 would now
be deadly. Nd7 36.Qc2]

35...Qxb3 36.Nxb3 Endgame. KBN-
KNN **36...Nc6 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4**
Nf6 39.g5 Nd5 40.Nd2 Nc3 41.f3
exf3 42.Nxf3 Kg6 Hoping for ...Kf5.

43.Kf1? -1.80/23

[43.Bf8!= -0.05/24 and White has
nothing to worry.]

43...Kf5-+ 44.Ke1 Kg4? -0.13/28

[44...Ke4 45.g6 fxe6 (45...Kxf3?
46.gxf7 Kxe3 47.d5+- Promotion)
46.Ne5-+]

[44...g6-+ -2.37/22 Strongly
threatening ...Ke4. 45.Bf8 Ke4]

45.g6 -0.59/27 **fxg6**

[45...Kxf3? 46.gxf7 Kxe3 47.d5+-
(47.f8N? Nxd4 48.Ng6 Nd5-+)]

46.Nd2 -1.17/23

[46.Nh2+! $\mp$ -0.35/24 Kf5 47.Bf8]
46...Kf5 -0.09/29
 [46...g5 $\mp$ -1.17/23 aiming for ...Kh3.
 47.Kf1 Kf5]
47.Bf8 g5 Threatening ...g6. 48.Bxg7
g4 49.Bf8 Prevents Ne7 49...b5
50.Bd6 Ne4 51.Nxe4 Kxe4= KB-KN
52.Kf2 b4 53.Kg3 b3 54.Ba3 Na5
55.Kxg4? -7.57/33
 [55.Bb2= -0.10/34]
55...Nc4!-+
 [And not 55...Kxe3 56.Bb2=]
56.Bc1 Kd3 Threatens to win with ...
Kc2!
 [Not 56...Nxe3+ 57.Kg5 $\mp$]
57.d5 Kc2!
 [Weaker is 57...Nxe3+ 58.Kf3 $\mp$]
58.Ba3 Nxa3 59.d6 Nc4!
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/
 Black=0.36
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□ Bluebaum,Matthias

E11
2670

■ Le,Tuan Minh

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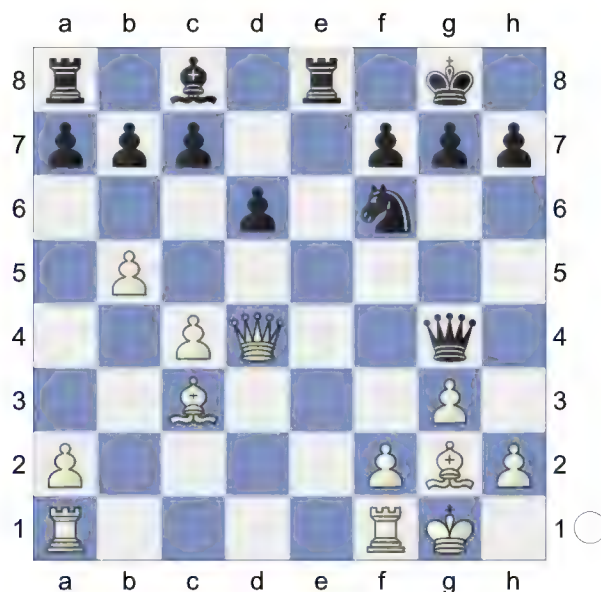
Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Jan blitz (9)
 [Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
 (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
 U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6

Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
 J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku
 op 2010 (2.15)]
5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0! Bxd2
8.Qxd2 Qe7 1.14/20
 [Black should try 8...e5 $\pm$ 0.52/21]
9.b4 White is better. 9...e5 10.b5 Nxd4
11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Qxd4 Qxe2 13.Bb2
Re8 14.Bc3 Qg4



15.Rfe1 0.35/28

[Better is 15.Qxg4! $\pm$ 0.91/25 Nxg4
 16.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1]

15...Qxd4 $\pm$ 16.Bxd4

[16.Rxe8+ simplifies Nxe8 17.Bxd4
 a6 18.a4]

16...Kf8 0.66/26

[16...Re6= 0.29/24]

17.c5 White has more active pieces.

17...Bd7? 2.88/23 Loses the game.

[17...Rxe1+ $\pm$ 0.39/24 18.Rxe1 d5]

18.Bxb7+- Rad8 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.a4

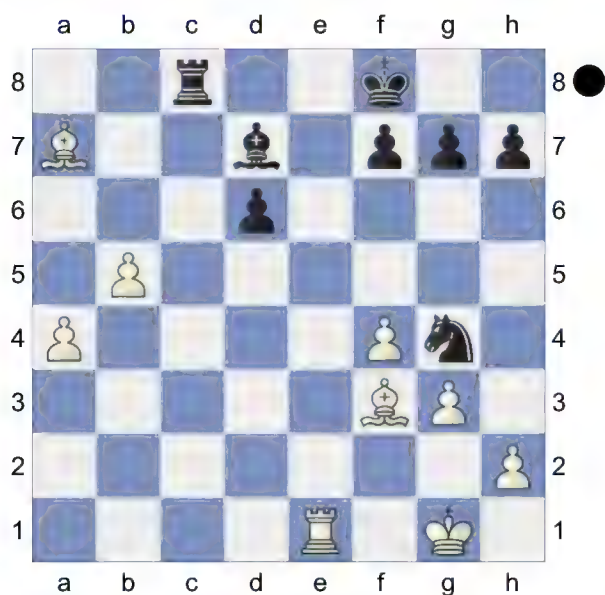
[20.Bxa7 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bxb5 $\mp$]

20...Ng4 21.f4

[Resist 21.Bxa7 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 g6]

21...Rb8 22.Bf3 White is clearly
 winning. **22...Rbc8 23.Bxa7** This pair of

bishops is nice. 23...Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1



Hoping for b6. 24...Rc3 25.Bg2 h5
26.Bb8 Rb3 27.Bxd6+ Kg8 28.Bc5
h4 29.gxh4 Nh6 30.Bd5 Rb2 31.Bf3
Nf5 32.Re2 Rb1+ 33.Kf2 Nxh4
6.39/19

[Δ33...Bxb5 4.44/18 34.axb5 Rxb5]

34.Rd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/
Black=0.53

1-0

□ Suleymanli,Aydin Elshan

■ Sadhwani,Raunak

Junior Speed Qual Global blitz (2.2)

[Kitty Kat]

E20

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E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,

V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Qe7 7.0-0

Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Nh4 0.22/23

[9.Re1± 0.61/22]

9...e5 0.61/18

[9...Rb8= 0.22/23]

10.e4 b6 1.19/23

[10...Re8± 0.44/18]

11.f4 White is better. 11...h6 2.16/22

[11...Na5± 1.09/19]

12.fxe5 0.97/21

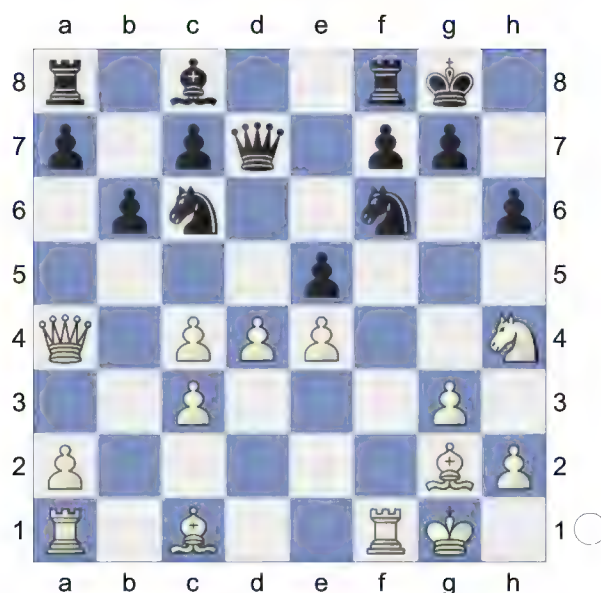
[12.Ba3!+- 2.16/22]

12...dxe5± 13.Qa4 0.49/18

[13.Nf5± 0.91/18 Bxf5 14.exf5]

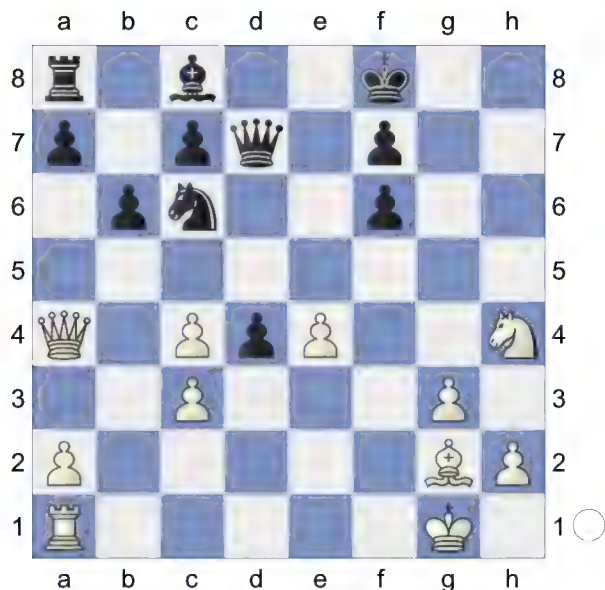
13...Qd7 2.25/20

[Better is 13...Na5± 0.49/18]



14.Rxf6!+- Deflection 14...gxf6 15.Bxh6
Threatens to win with Nf5. 15...exd4
16.Bxf8 Kxf8

(Diagram)



17.e5! Bb7 18.exf6 dxc3 19.Rd1
Wards off Qd4+ 19...Qg4 20.Bf3?
0.09/19

[20.Bxc6? Bxc6 21.Qa3+ Kg8±]

[20.Qa3+!+- 1.92/22 Kg8 21.Bf3]

20...Qg5= Some like it hot 21.Qa3+

[21.Bxc6 Qc5+ 22.Kf1 Bxc6+-]

21...Qc5+ 22.Qxc5+ bxc5 23.Kf2?
-3.84/23

[23.Bxc6= 0.18/31 Bxc6 24.Rc1]

23...Rb8? 0.12/30

[23...Nb4+- -3.84/23 24.Bxb7 c2]

24.Rc1 Ne5 25.Rxc3 And now Rb3
would win. 25...Bxf3 26.Nxf3

Endgame. KRN-KRN 26...Ng4+ 27.Kg2

Rb2+ 28.Kh3 Nxf6 29.Ra3 Ne4

30.Rxa7 Rf2 31.Ne5 Ke7 32.Ng4

[32.Rxc7+ Kd6 33.Ng4 (33.Rxf7?
Ng5+ 34.Kh4 Nxf7+-) 33...Kxc7+-]

32...Rc2

[32...Ng5+ 33.Kh4 Nf3+ 34.Kh5±]

33.Rxc7+ Ke6 34.Rc6+ Ke7 35.Ne3

Rxa2 36.Rc7+ Ke6 37.Kg4 Rxh2

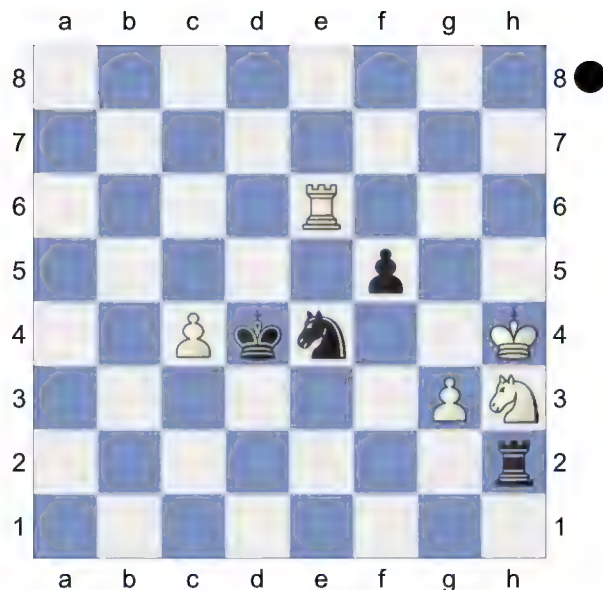
38.Kf4 Nd6 39.Rxc5 Rf2+ 40.Kg4 f5+

41.Kh3 Ne4 42.Rc6+ Ke5 43.Rg6

Re2 44.Nd5 Nf2+ 45.Kh4 Ne4

46.Re6+? -7.68/34 Kd4!+- 47.Nf4

Rh2+ 48.Nh3

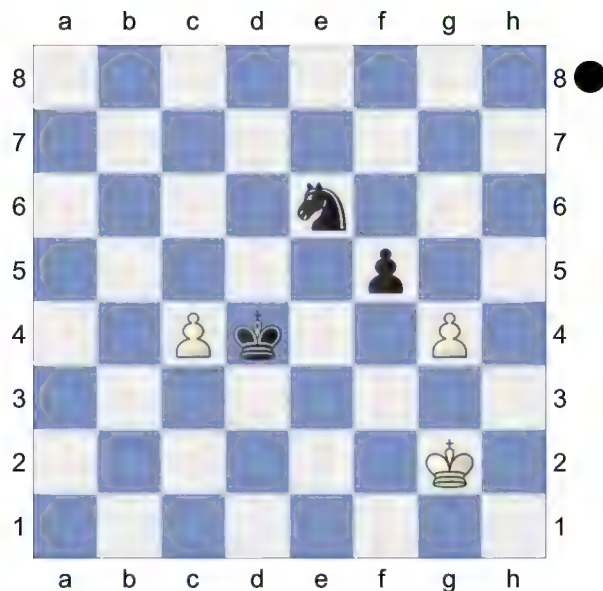


Rxh3+! Remove Defender, Decoy

49.Kxh3 KR-KN 49...Ng5+

[49...Kxc4? too greedy. 50.Re5 Nd6
51.Kh4+-]

50.Kg2 Nxe6 51.g4



f4! Black mates.

[Stronger than 51...Kxc4 52.gxf5 Nd8
53.Kf3=]

[Weaker is 51...fxg4 52.Kg3=]

52.Kf3 Ke5 53.c5 Nxc5 54.g5 Ne6

55.g6 Kf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/

Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

□ Sethuraman,SP

E11

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■ Le,Tuan Minh

2514

Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Oct blitz (..

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.0-0 Re8 9.Qc2 Bxc3 10.Bxc3

[10.bxc3?! e5=]

10...e5 White is better. 11.d5 Nb8

12.b4 Bg4 13.Rfe1 Nbd7 14.Nd2 e4

15.Bd4 h5 16.Qc3 Bf5 17.h3 0.54/23

[17.Nf1± 0.97/19]

17...Bg6 0.90/20

[17...c5± 0.54/23 18.dxc6 bxc6]

18.Qe3 0.30/21

[18.Nf1± 0.90/20]

18...Ne5 19.Rac1

[19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxc4±]

19...b6 20.Qf4

[20.Bxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qd7= (21...Nxc4 22.Nf6+±)]

20...a5 21.a3 -0.33/25

[21.Nxe4 Nxe4 (21...axb4 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Qd2=) 22.Bxe4 axb4 23.Bxg6 Nxg6±]

[White should try 21.b5± 0.41/23]

21...axb4± 22.axb4 Ned7 0.40/20

[Better is 22...b5!± -0.37/20]

23.Ra1 b5 24.Qg5

[24.cxb5 Nxd5 25.Qh4 Qxh4 (25...Nxb4? 26.Qxe7 Deflection Rxe7 27.Rxa8+-) 26.gxh4 Rab8 (26...Nxb4 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Rc1=)]

24...bxc4 25.Nxc4 Rab8 26.Na5 Threatens to win with Nc6. 26...Rb5? 2.16/23

[26...Ne5!= 0.23/19]

27.Nc6+- Qf8 28.Ra5 Rb7 29.Rc1 Nh7 30.Qd2 Nhf6 31.Qa2 Nb6 2.52/22

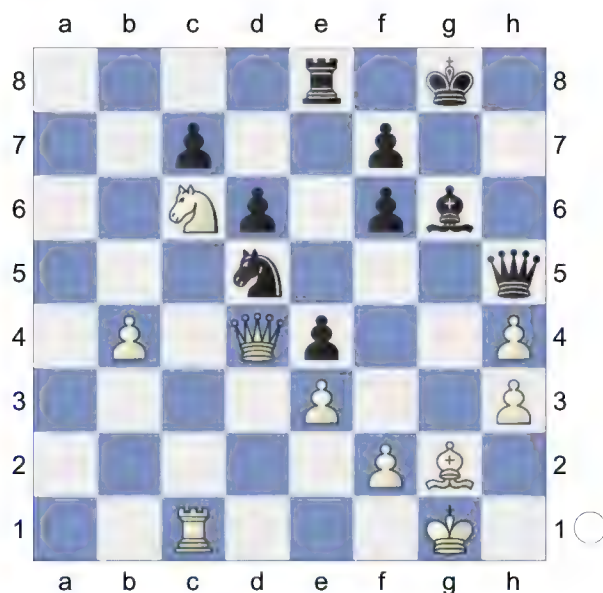
[31...Kh7 1.75/19 32.Ra1 Ne5]

32.Bxf6 gxf6 33.e3 h4 34.gxh4 1.40/20

[34.g4+- 1.96/24]

34...Qh6± 35.Ra7 Rxa7 36.Qxa7 [36.Nxa7 Qxh4 37.Kh2 (37.Rxc7 Bh5=) 37...f5±]

36...Nxd5 37.Qd4 Qh5



38.Kh1? 0.00/24

[38.Ra1!± 1.54/23 And now Ra5 would win. Nb6 39.Qxf6]

38...Kg7= 39.Ra1 Hoping for Ra5.

39...Ne7↑ Black has the initiative.

40.Na5 -3.50/20

[40.Nxe7!= -0.24/20 and White has nothing to worry. Rxe7 41.Qa7]

40...Nf5 41.Qd2 -4.01/20

[♞41.Qd1 -2.52/19 Qxh4 42.Kg1]

41...Nxh4+ 42.Rg1 -5.91/23

[42.Qd1 -3.85/21 was forced. Qf5 43.Qg4 Qxf2 44.Rf1 Qxg2+ (44...Qxe3 45.Qxh4 Qc3 46.Qg4?) 45.Qxg2 Nxg2 46.Kxg2]

42...Nf3



Deflection 43.Bxf3 -#1/16

[43.Qd1-+ -4.75/18]

43...Qxh3#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/
Black=0.32

0-1

□ Sorokin,Aleksey

A53

2536

■ Gazik,Viktor

2543

Kasparov CF University Cup rapid (9.106)
[Kitty Kat]

A53: Old Indian Defence without Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6

[3...e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15)]

4.Nc3N

[4.d5 Ne5 5.Nxe5 dxe5 6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.Be3 exd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.dxc6 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 bxc6 14.f3 Be6 15.Rac1 a5 16.b3 Rfd8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Na4 Ne8 1-0 (49) Cirrincione,G-2.c3 e6 3. ♘f3 Espana 55/4 1992 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Na4 Bb7 21.Kf2 f6 22.Bc5 Kf8 23.Bxe7+ Kxe7 24.Ke3 Nd6 25.Nb6 Rb8 26.Rc5 Ba8 27.Rxa5 Rxb6 28.Rxa8 Rb7 29.Bd3 Kd7 30.Kd2 Kc7 31.Kc3 Rb8 32.Ra7+ Rb7 33.Ra5 Kb6 1-0 (49) Cirrincione,G-2.c3 e6 3. ♘f3 Espana 55/4 1992 34.Ra6+ Kc7 35.b4 Nc8 36.a4 Ra7 37.Rxa7+ Nxa7 38.b5 cxb5 39.Bxb5 Nc8 40.Kc4 Kd6 41.Ba6 Na7 42.Bb7 Kc7 43.Ba8 Kd6 44.h4 g6 45.a5 Nc8 46.Bb7 Ne7 47.a6 Kc7 48.Kc5 g5 0-1 Bozkurt,I (2393)-Brattain,M (24 M (2452) USCL 2015]

4...Bg4 5.d5 Nb8 6.h3 Bxf3 7.exf3

[7.gxf3 Nbd7±]

7...c6 8.Bg5 White is better. 8...Nbd7 9.dxc6 0.55/19

[9.Be2± 1.00/21]
 9...bxc6± 10.Qd2 White is more active.
 10...h6 11.Be3 e6 12.Be2 Be7 13.0-0
 0-0 14.f4 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rfd8 16.Rfd1
 a5 0.81/21

[16...Nb6± 0.44/22 deserves
 consideration.]

17.g4 0.41/20

[17.Bf3± 0.81/21]

17...Nc5 18.Bf3 Nfd7 19.Bg2 Rab8

20.Qe2 Rb4 21.Rc2 0.48/19

[21.b3± 0.84/21]

21...a4 22.a3 Rb7 23.g5 0.41/20

[23.h4± 0.90/20]

23...hxg5 0.99/20

[23...g6!± 0.41/20]

24.fxg5± Nf8 25.h4 Qa5 2.25/23

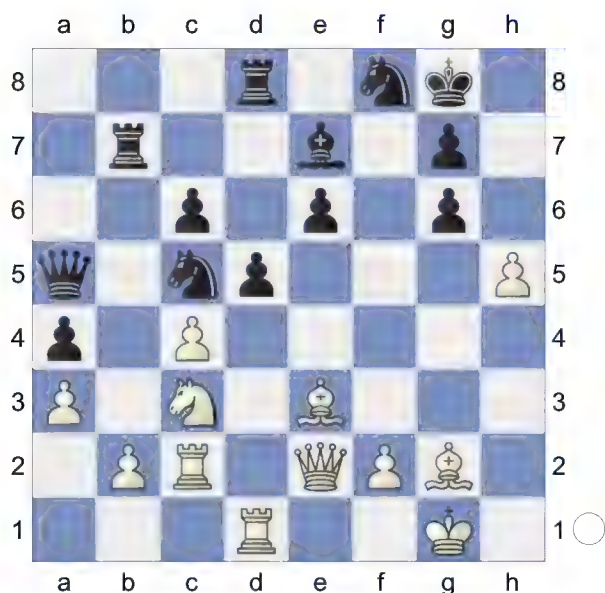
[25...Ng6± 1.03/17]

26.h5 1.30/22

[White should try 26.Bxc6+- 2.25/23
 Bxc5! would now be deadly. Rc7
 27.Bb5]

26...d5 27.g6 fxg6 2.77/22

[27...Rbd7± 1.37/19]



28.hxg6 1.36/20

[28.cxd5!+- 2.77/22 is the precise
 move to win. cxd5 (28...exd5?

29.Nxd5 cxd5 30.Bxd5+ Rxd5
 31.Rxd5+-) 29.Nxd5 exd5 30.Bxd5+
 Rxd5 31.Rxd5]

28...Rbd7 1.80/20

[28...Nb3± 1.36/20]

29.cxd5+- cxd5 1.69/22

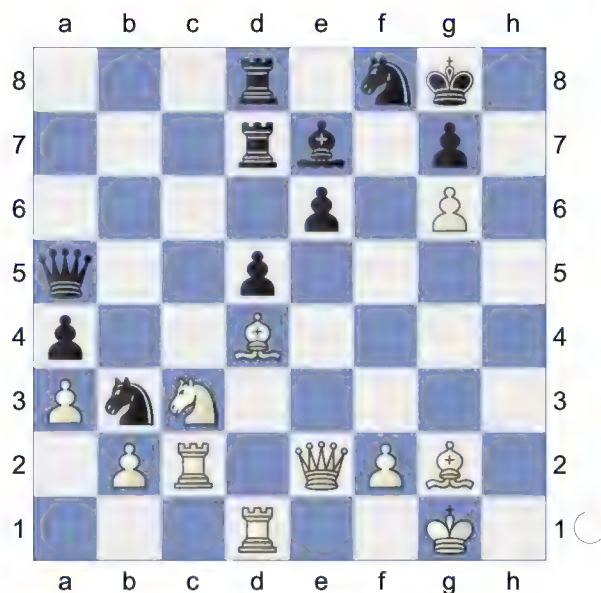
[29...exd5± 1.17/22 was worth a try.
 30.Qh5 Nb3 (30...d4? 31.Bxc6
 dxe3 32.Rxd7+-)]

30.Bd4 1.16/21 A strong pair of Bishops.

[30.Nb5+- 1.69/22 Qb6 31.Bd4]

30...Nb3 1.86/20

[30...Bf6± 1.16/21]



31.Bh3! Nxd4 32.Rxd4 Qb6 33.Rcd2
 0.48/21

[33.Nxa4 Qxd4 34.Bxe6+ Nxe6
 35.Qxe6+ Kh8 36.Qh3+ Qh4
 37.Qxh4+ Bxh4+-]

[33.Rxa4 d4 34.Qb5 (34.Ra6 Qb3±
 Pin) 34...Rb7 35.Qxb6 Rxb6=]
 [33.Rd3+- 1.72/23]

33...Bf6 34.Rxa4 0.06/21

[34.Nxa4± 0.48/20
 is more appropriate. Qd6 35.Re4]

34...Bxc3!= 35.bxc3 aiming for Rb2.

[35.Ra6? Qxa6 36.Qxa6 Bxd2+-]

35...Qb1+ 36.Kh2 Qxg6 37.Rd3 Rf7

38.Rf3 Rdd7 39.Rg4 Qh6 40.Rgg3
Ra7 41.Qe5 Rae7

[41...Rxa3? 42.Rxf7 Kxf7 43.Rf3+
Kg8 44.Rxf8+ (44.Qb8 g6+-)
44...Kxf8 45.Qd6+ (45.Qxe6? Rxc3
46.Qf5+ Qf6+-) 45...Kf7 46.Qxa3+-]

42.Qb8 Qh5 43.Kg2 Rxf3 44.Rxf3
Qg6+ 45.Rg3 Qe4+ 46.Kh2 Rf7
47.Rg2 -0.58/22

[47.Qb6= -0.10/26]

47...Kh7 -0.09/25

[47...Rf3? -0.58/22 should be
considered. 48.a4 Qh7 (48...Qxa4
49.Bxe6+ Kh7 50.Qe5±; 48...Rxc3
49.a5?; 48...Qh4 49.Rg3?)]

48.Bg4 -0.75/24

[48.Qg3= -0.09/25]

48...Ng6 -0.26/21

[48...Rf4? -0.75/24]

49.f3! Qe1

[49...Qe3 seems wilder. 50.Qb1 Kh6
51.Qg1 Qxc3 52.Kh1 Nh4]

50.Qg3 Qxg3+ 51.Kxg3 Endgame.
KRB-KRN 51...Nf4 52.Rh2+ Kg6

53.a4 e5 54.a5 And now a6 would win.

54...Ra7 55.Ra2 Kf6 56.a6 Ne6
0.63/24

[56...Ke7= 0.10/22]

57.Bxe6 0.01/21

[Better is 57.Ra5!± 0.63/24]

57...Kxe6± KR-KR. The position is
equal. 58.Kg4 d4 59.cxd4 exd4

60.Kf4 Strongly threatening Ke4.

60...Kd5 61.Ra1 Kc4 62.Ke4 Re7+

63.Kf4 Ra7 64.Ke4 Re7+ 65.Kf4 Ra7

White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very
precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

1/2-1/2

□ Batsiashvili,Nino A50
2457

■ Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2778

Titled Tuesday intern op 7th July blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
(2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.a3 Ng6 6.h4 h5 7.g3 Bc5
8.b4 0.50/20

[8.Bg5± 0.99/21]

8...Bd4± 9.Bd2 0.08/22

[9.Bb2± 0.61/22]

9...a5 0.63/23

[9...e4= 0.08/22]

10.Nf3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 d6 12.Bg2 Bg4
1.33/22

[12...axb4± 0.58/23 13.axb4 Bg4]

13.bxa5± 0-0 14.0-0 Nd7 15.e4
1.20/23

[White should try 15.Qc2+- 1.75/23]

15...Nc5 16.Qc2 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5

18.Qa2 Be4 19.Ng5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2
Qd7 1.98/22

[20...Rf5± 1.14/20]

21.Qe2+- Qg4 2.67/20

[♠21...Rf4 1.87/22]

22.Qxg4 hxg4 23.Bb4 Nd3 24.Ne6
Rf3 2.25/24

[24...Rfc8 1.77/20 is a better defense.
25.Rad1 Nxb4]

25.Ra2

[25.Nxc7 Nxh4+ 26.gxh4 Nf4+
27.Kh2 Rh3+ 28.Kg1 Ne2+ 29.Kg2
Nf4+ 30.Kg1 Ne2+ 31.Kg2 Nf4+
32.Kg1=]

25...c5 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Bxd6?
0.26/18

[27.Ng5+- 1.90/21 c5 28.Bd2]

27...Rf6= 28.Nc7 Rxa5 29.c5 e4
0.70/23

[29...Nf8= 0.30/21 should be
considered.]

30.h5 0.00/25

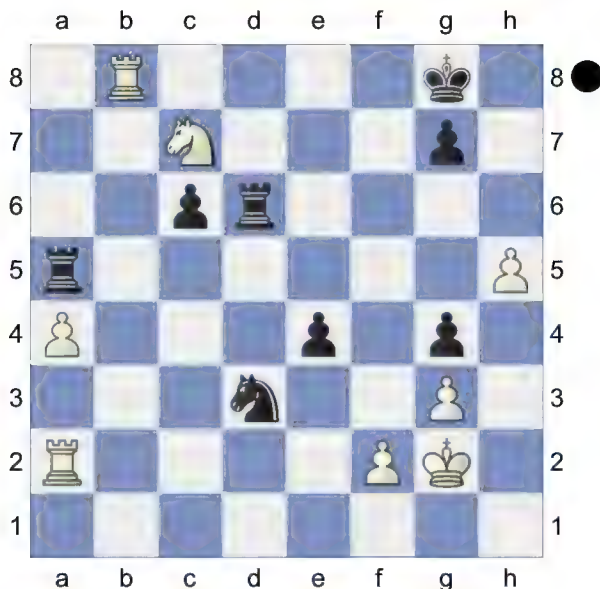
[White should play 30.Rb1± 0.70/23]

30...Nh8 A dynamic duo of knights.

31.a4 Nf7 32.Rb1? -3.13/22

[32.Bf4= 0.01/23]

32...Nxd6+- 33.cxd6 Rxd6 34.Rb8+



Kh7? -0.25/20

[34...Kf7!+- -2.45/24 35.Re2 Rxa4
(35...Rxxh5 36.Rxe4 Rdh6 37.Rb7=)]

35.Re8? -1.83/21

[35.Re2!= -0.25/20]

35...Rd4? 0.00/28

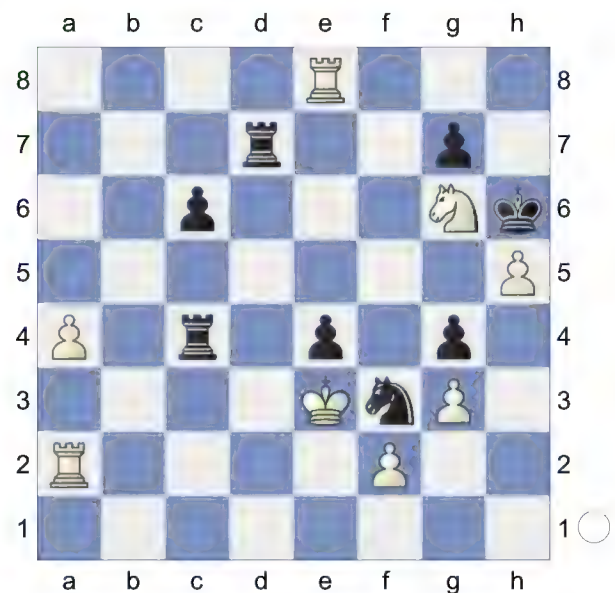
[Better is 35...Rxxh5+- -1.83/21
(-> ...Ne1+) 36.Rxe4 Rdh6 37.Rxg4
Rh2+ 38.Kf3 Ne5+ 39.Kf4 Nxxg4
40.Kxxg4 Rf6]

36.Ne6↑ White is pushing. 36...Rc4
Strongly threatening ...Rc1! 37.Nf4
Ne1+ 38.Kf1 Nf3 39.Ke2! Ra7 40.Ke3
Rd7 41.Ng6? -3.62/29

[41.a5= 0.00/25 and White has
nothing to worry. Rb7 42.Ra3
(42.Rxe4 Rb3+ 43.Nd3 Rcc3+-)]

41...Kh6? 0.85/29

[41...Rd3+- -3.62/29 42.Ke2 Kh6
43.Rxe4 Rd2+ 44.Rxd2 Rxe4+
45.Kd1 Nxd2 46.Kxd2 Kxxh5
(46...Rxa4? 47.Ne7+-)]



42.Kf4 0.00/25

[42.Rxe4? too greedy. Rc3+ 43.Ke2
Ng1+ 44.Kf1 Rd1+ 45.Kg2 Nf3
46.Rxxg4 Kxxh5+-]

[42.Ne5!± 0.85/29 Nxe5 43.Rxe5]

42...Kxxh5 White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/
Black=0.47. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/
e5)?

0-1

□ Gordievsky, Dmitry

■ Bologan, Viktor

Titled Tuesday intern op 5th May blitz (6)

[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D
(2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5
20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,
J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku
op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Nbd2 d5 6.Qc2 -0.11/22

[White should try 6.Bg2± 0.49/22]

6...dxc4= 7.Qxc4 Qd5 8.Qxd5

The position is equal.

[8.Qd3 is more complex. 0-0 9.Bg2
Rd8 10.a3]

8...exd5 9.a3 Bd6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0
a5 12.b3 b6 13.Bb2 Ba6 14.Rfc1
Ne7 15.e3 a4 16.b4 Bd3 17.Ne5 Be4
2.61/23

[17...Ba6± 0.43/23]

18.Nxe4? 0.76/20

[18.f3!+- 2.61/23 and the rest is easy.
Bf5 19.e4]

18...Nxe4± 19.Rc2 f5 20.Nd3 g5
21.f3 Nf6 22.Rac1 0.21/24

[22.Nf2± 0.60/20 was preferable.]

22...g4= 23.Nf4 aiming for Ne6.

23...gxf3 24.Bxf3 Ne4 0.45/22

[24...Kf7= 0.00/22]

25.Ne6± Rfc8 26.Nxc7 Bxc7 27.Rxc7
Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Kf7 29.g4 0.00/27

[29.Bd1± 0.52/22 Ke8 30.b5]

29...Rc8 30.Rxc8 Nxc8 31.gxf5=
Endgame. KBB-KNN 31...Ncd6 32.b5
Nxb5 33.Bd1 Nbc3 0.53/32

[33...Nbd6= 0.15/31]

34.Bc2!± Nb5 3.75/27

[Better is 34...b5± 0.32/27]

35.Bxa4+- Ned6 36.Kf2 Kf6 37.Bc1
Kxf5 3.09/27

[♠37...Nc3 2.09/23 38.Bd7 Nxf5]

38.Bc2+ Ne4+ 39.Kf3 Nbd6 40.Bd2
Ke6? 4.50/28

[40...Kf6 2.47/26 might work better.
41.Bb4 Ng5+ 42.Kg3 Nc4]

41.Bb4 h5 42.h4 Nf5 6.04/23

[♠42...b5 4.26/20 43.Kf4 Kd7]

43.Bxe4 dxe4+ 44.Kxe4 d5+ is the
strong threat. 44...Nxb4 KB-KN 45.Kf4
e4 would now be deadly. 45...Ng2+

(Diagram)

46.Kf3! Nh4+ 47.Kf4 2.05/31

[♠47.Ke4 3.70/28]

47...Ng2+ 3.34/35

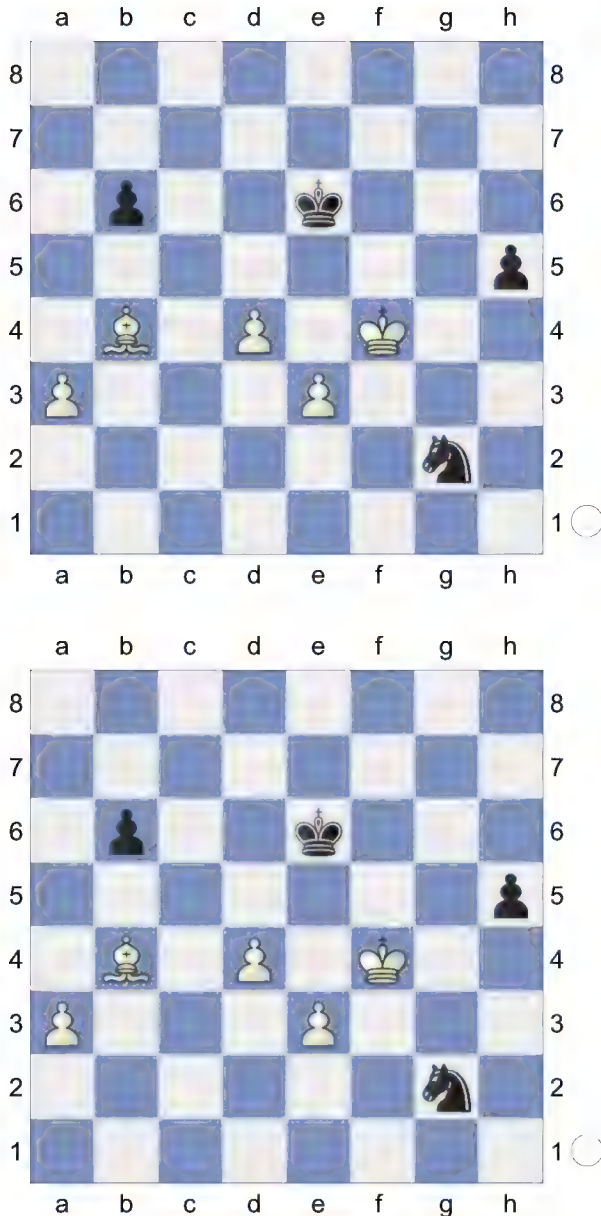
[♠47...Ng6+ 2.05/31 48.Kg5 h4]

(Diagram)

48.Kf3! Nh4+ 49.Kg3? 0.01/26

[White has to play 49.Ke4+- 2.70/25]

49...Nf5+= 50.Kf4 Black must now



prevent d5+! 50...h4! 51.d5+ Decoy
51...Kxd5? 14.68/32

[51...Kd7= 0.07/25]

52.e4+-

[52.Kxf5? h3 53.e4+ Kc6-+]

52...Kc6 53.exf5

[53.Kxf5? perishes. h3 54.Ke5
h2-+]

53...h3 54.Kg3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
Black=0.65

1-0

A50
Concio, Michael Jr 2401
Aravindh, Chithambaram VR 2662
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4
5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7
8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2
Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1
a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3
Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4
0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A
(2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5
(5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+
Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2
Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B:
3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4
6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8
9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4
12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4
f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005)
5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4
8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.Qd4 d6 5.Nc3 c5 6.dxc6
-0.26/23

[6.Qd1± 0.39/22]

6...Nxc6= 7.Qd2 g6 8.b3 Black is
slightly better. 8...Bg7 Hoping for ...Ne4!

9.Bb2 0-0 White must now prevent ...d5!

10.Nf3 Bg4 11.e3 Bxf3

[11...d5!?]

12.gxf3 Qd7 0.41/24

[Better is 12...d5= -0.22/24]

13.h4 -0.18/22

[13.Rd1± 0.41/24]

13...Qf5 14.Bg2 Rfd8 15.f4 e5 0.41/21

[15...d5= 0.04/21]
16.fxe5 -0.18/19
 [16.h5± 0.41/21]
16...dxe5 17.Nd5! e4 0.28/22
 [17...b5 -0.15/24 is superior.]
18.Bxf6! Bxf6 19.0-0-0
 [19.Bxe4 simplifies Rxd5 20.Qxd5
 Qxd5 21.cxd5 Bxa1 22.dxc6 bxc6
 23.Ke2]



19...Rxd5! Deflection 20.Qxd5
 [20.cxd5? too greedy. Qe5 21.Bxe4
 (21.dxc6? Qa1+ 22.Kc2 Qb2#)
 21...Qa1+ 22.Kc2 (22.Bb1? Rc8-+)
 22...Qxa2+ 23.Kd3 Qa6+ 24.Kc2
 Nb4+ 25.Qxb4 Rc8+ 26.Kd2 Qa2+
 27.Ke1 Bc3+-+]
20...Qxf2 21.Qd2 -1.54/27
 [21.Bxe4? Qb2#]
 [Only move: 21.Rd2!± -0.43/24 Qxe3
 22.Qxe4 Qc3+ 23.Qc2 Qa1+
 24.Qb1 Qc3+ 25.Qc2 Qa1+ 26.Qb1
 Qc3+ 27.Qc2]

(Diagram)

White is weak on the dark squares



21...Qg3!± Strongly threatening ...Qe5.
 Black is much more active. **22.Bxe4**
-0.99/19

[Δ22.Rhf1 -1.50/23 Qe5 (22...Qxh4
 23.Qd5=) 23.Bxe4]

22...Qe5 23.Bb1 -5.49/20

[Don't blunder 23.Bxc6? Qa1+
 24.Kc2 Qxa2+ 25.Kd3 Qxb3+
 26.Ke2 bxc6-+ (26...Qxc4+?
 27.Kf3±)]

[23.Rhf1± -1.13/18 is more resistant.]

23...Rd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/
 Black=0.18 (very precise)

0-1

□ **Sieciechowicz, Marcin** **A50**
2384
 ■ **Caruana, Fabiano** **2766**

Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late b..
 [Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
 Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4 h5 7.Bg5 d6 has lost popularity (7...Be7).verliert an Beliebtheit (7...Le7). **8.Qc2** White is better. **8...Be7 9.e3** White is more active. **9...Ng4 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nb5 a6N**

[Predecessor: 12...c6 13.Nc3 Nf6 14.Ng5 N8d7 15.Be4 Nxe4 16.Ngxe4 f5 17.Ng5 0-0 18.0-0-0 Nf6 1.05/21 ½-½ (72) Lohse,M (2320)-Vertes,A (2351) ICCF email 2006 (18...c5± 0.42/20)]

13.Qa4 Kd8 14.Nc3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Ke8 16.Bf5 0.13/22

[16.Qd2± 0.63/21]

16...Kf8 0.53/22

[16...g6= 0.13/22 17.Bxd7+ Bxd7]

17.0-0-0 -0.26/25

[17.Qd2± 0.53/22]

17...g6 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.Ng5 Kg7 20.g3 -0.62/21

[20.Rdf1= -0.15/23 might be stronger.]

20...a5 -0.21/23

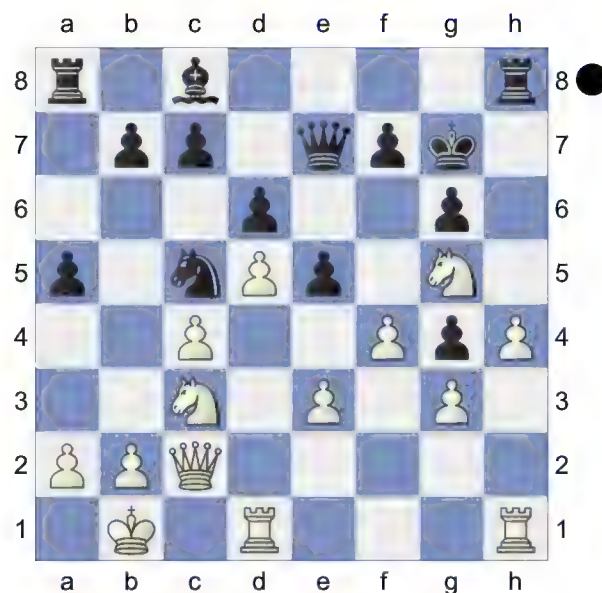
[20...b5± -0.62/21]

21.Kb1 -0.93/19

[21.Nge4= -0.21/23]

21...Nc5± 22.f4? -2.44/24

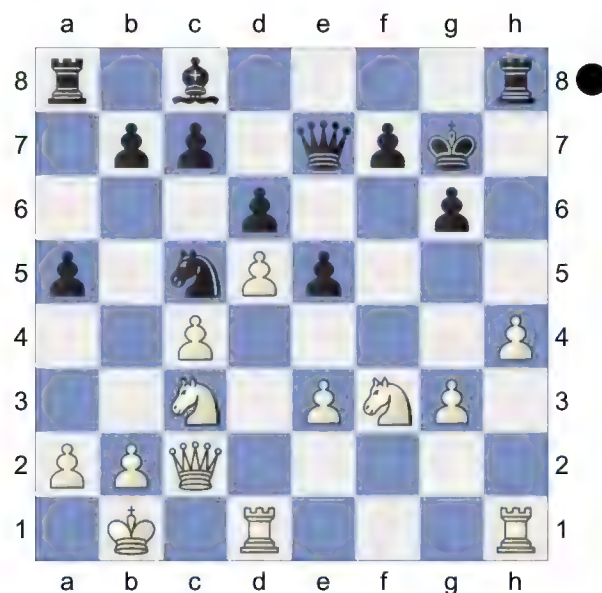
[22.Rhf1± -0.88/23]



22...gxf3? -0.90/23

[22...exf4!-+ -2.44/24 has better winning chances. 23.gxf4 (23.exf4? Bf5-+ Pin) 23...f6 (23...Qxe3? 24.Rhe1-+) 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 (24...Nxe6? 25.dxe6 Bxe6 26.Ka1±) 25.dxe6 Qxe6]

23.Nxf3



Bg4 -0.43/19

[23...Qd7!± -0.94/22 Hoping for ...
Qg4. 24.e4 Qg4]

24.Rdf1± Rh5

[24...Bf5!? 25.e4 Bg4=]

25.Ng5 f6

[25...Rf8 keeps more tension. 26.Ka1
Qd7 27.Nce4 Nxe4 28.Qxe4 b6]

26.Nge4 Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Rf5 28.Ka1

[28.Nf2!? Qd7 29.c5=]

28...Rh8 0.22/24

[28...Qd7± -0.33/25]

29.Qg2 -0.64/23

[29.Nf2!= 0.22/24 Qd7 30.c5]

29...Qd7 30.Nc3 Rhh5 31.e4 Rxf1+

32.Qxf1 f5 33.exf5 -0.78/20

[33.Qg2± -0.34/24 was preferable.]

33...Rxf5±

[33...Bxf5 34.Qf2=]

34.Qd3 -1.80/20

[34.Qe1± -0.76/21 was called for.]

34...Rf3-+ 35.Qd2 Qf5

[35...Rxc3 36.c5 (36.Ne4? Rf3-+)]

36.a3? -3.40/18

[36.Re1 -1.83/22]

36...Rf1+

[36...Rxc3 37.Nb5±]

37.Rxf1 Qxf1+ Endgame. KQB-KQN

38.Ka2 Qxc4+ 39.Ka1 Qf1+ 40.Ka2

Qf6 -0.76/20

[40...Bf3-+ -3.66/21 And now ...Qc4+
would win. 41.Qc2 Qc4+ 42.Kb1 c6
(42...Bxd5 43.Nxd5 Qxd5 44.Qxc7+
Kf6 45.Qd8+ Kg7 46.Qc7+ Qf7
47.Qxd6=) 43.dxc6 Bxc6]

41.Qe3? -3.64/21

[41.Ne4± -0.76/20 Qf1 42.Qc3]

41...Qf7 42.Qa7 b6 43.Qb7 Bf3

44.Qc6 e4 45.Qc4 Kh7? -0.04/26

[Black should play 45...Qe7-+ -2.40/24
...e3 is the strong threat. 46.Qd4+
Qe5 47.Qxe5+ dxe5]

46.Qd4 -2.19/26

[46.Nxe4= -0.04/26 b5 47.Qd3
(47.Qxb5 Bxe4 48.Ka1 Qf3-+)
47...Bxe4 48.Qxe4]

46...Qe7 Threatens to win with ...e3.

47.Qe3 Qe5 48.a4? -3.10/22

[48.Kb1± -1.49/22 only move.]

48...Qxc3?? 5.50/19

[48...g5-+ -3.10/22 and life is good for
Black. aiming for ...g4. 49.hxc3 Kg6
(49...Qxc3 50.Nxe4 Qg2 51.Qf4=)]

49.Nxe4+- Qxh4 50.Qxf3 Qe7

51.Nf6+ Kg7 52.Ng4 Qf7 53.Qc3+

Kf8 54.Qc4 2.38/21

[54.Qf6 5.34/25]

54...Ke8 3.75/24

[54...Qf3 2.38/21 55.Qd4 Kf7]

55.Ne3 Kd8 5.92/23

[55...Kf8 3.84/22 was necessary.
56.Kb3 Kg7]

56.Nc2 Nd4 would now be deadly.

56...g5 8.04/22

[56...Kc8 4.99/23 57.Nd4 Kb7
58.Qc6+ Kb8]

57.Nd4 Black must now prevent Ne6+.

57...Ke8 58.Ne6 Strongly threatening

Qg4! 58...g4 59.Qxc4 Ke7 60.Qg5+

Qf6 61.Qg4 Qf7 62.Qc4 Qe8

63.Qxc7+ Kf6 64.Qxd6

White threatens Nc7+ and mate.

64...Qxa4+ 65.Qa3 Qc4+ 66.Qb3 Qe4

67.Qc3+

[67.Qxb6 Qa4+ 68.Kb1 Qd1+
69.Ka2 Qa4+ 70.Kb1 Qd1+ 71.Ka2
Qa4+=]

67...Ke7 68.Nd4 5.28/17

[68.Qc7+ #5/17 Ke8 69.Qd8+
(69.Qxb6 Qa4+ 70.Kb1 Qd1+
71.Ka2 Qa4+ 72.Kb1 Qd1+ 73.Ka2
Qa4+=) 69...Kf7 70.Qf8+ (70.Qxb6
Qa4+ 71.Kb1 Qd1+ 72.Ka2 Qa4+
73.Kb1 Qd1+ 74.Ka2 Qa4+=;
70.Ng5+ Kg6 71.Nxe4 Kf5 72.d6
Ke6 73.Qe7+ Kf5 74.d7 Kf4 75.d8Q

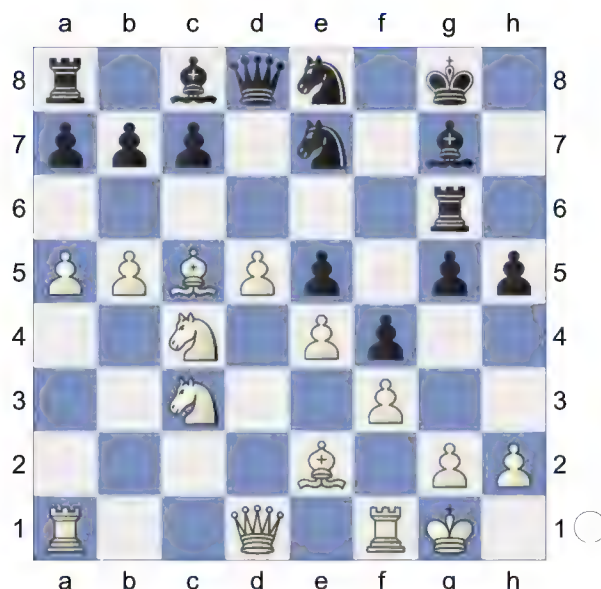
Ke3 76.Qd2+ Kf3 77.Qf2+ Kg4
 78.Qeh4#) 70...Kg6 71.Qg7+ Kh5
 72.Qg5#]
68...Qxd5+ 69.b3 2.36/18
 [Δ 69.Ka3 5.02/17]
69...Kd7? 5.04/21
 [69...Kd6 2.36/18 70.Kb2 Qc5
 71.Qg3+ Kd5]
70.Qc4 Qxc4 13.36/20
 [Δ 70...Qd6 4.89/19 71.Nb5 Qe5]
71.bxc4 KN-KPP 71...Kd6 72.Kb3 Kc5
73.Nc2? 0.00/41
 [73.Kc3+- 6.88/39 Kd6 74.Nb5+ Kc5
 75.Na7]
73...b5= The position is equal. **74.cxb5**
Kxb5 75.Na3+ Kc6 76.Ka4 Kd5
77.Kxa5
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/
 Black=0.57
 1/2-1/2

E10
 2557
 2545
 RBI op Qualifier 1 blitz (5) 01.12.2020
 [Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N
 [4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
 V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
 R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]
4...d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0
8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.b4 Nd7
 White is slightly better. **11.Be3 h6**
0.96/20
 [11...f5± 0.57/20 was preferable.]
12.Nd2± White has more active pieces.
12...f5 Strongly threatening ...f4. **13.f3!**
f4 1.59/20
 [Δ 13...fxe4 0.95/23 14.fxe4 a5]
14.Bf2 g5 15.c5 Nf6 16.Nc4 Ne8
17.a4 Rf6 2.35/20
 [17...Ng6 1.70/19 was called for.
 18.c6 Qf6]
18.a5 Rg6 2.15/20
 [Δ 18...Bd7 1.73/19 19.Ra3 h5]
19.b5 dxc5 20.Bxc5 h5 1.95/20
 [20...Bd7± 1.26/21 21.Qb3 Nc8]



21.b6 1.08/18 axb6 22.axb6 Rxa1
23.Qxa1 cxb6 24.Nxb6 Hoping for d6!
24...g4
 [24...Rxb6 25.Qa5 Rd6 26.Qxd8
 Rxd8 27.Bxe7±]
25.Qa5 0.38/22
 [25.d6± 1.27/21 Nxd6 26.Rd1]
25...gxf3± 26.Bxf3

[26.Rxf3 Bg4 27.Nc4 Qxa5 28.Nxa5 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Bf8 30.Nxb7 (30.Bxh5 Ra6 $\bar{7}$) 30...Ra6 $\bar{7}$]

26...Bg4 27.Qb4 Nc8 ...Bxf3 would now be deadly. 28.Nxc8 -0.19/22

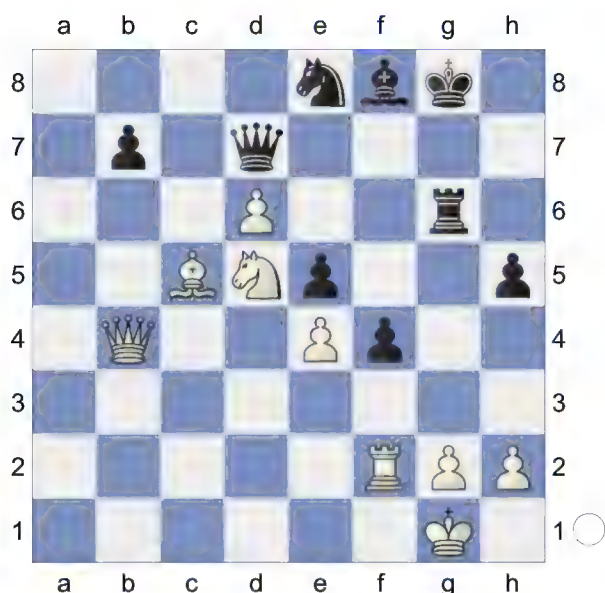
[Δ 28.Bxg4 0.20/23 hxg4 29.Nxc8 Qxc8 30.g3]

28...Qxc8= 29.d6 Bxf3 0.00/25

[29...Bf8 $\bar{7}$ -0.40/21]

30.Rxf3 Qg4 31.Rf2 $\uparrow$ White fights for an advantage. 31...Qd7 32.Nd5 Bf8? 2.73/19

[32...Nxd6= 0.00/19 33.Bxd6 Rxd6]



33.Nb6! $\bar{+}$ Qd8 34.d7 Bxc5 4.36/25

[34...Nd6 2.09/22 was necessary. 35.Nc4 Nf7]

35.dxe8Q+

[35.Qxc5 Nd6 36.Nc4 Nf7]

35...Qxe8 36.Qxc5 Rc6 37.Qd5+ Kh7 38.Nd7 And now Qxc6! would win.

38...Re6 10.41/18

[Δ 38...Qd8 4.38/18 39.Rf1 (39.Nxe5 Rc1+ 40.Rf1 Qb6+) 39...Qe7 40.Nxe5 Rd6]

39.Nc5 Re7 40.Rd2

[But not 40.Nxb7 Rd7 41.Nd6 Qb8 42.Qxe5 (42.Rd2 Qa7+ 43.Kf1

Qa6+ 44.Rd3 h4+-) 42...Qb1+ 43.Rf1 Qb6+ 44.Kh1 Qxd6 45.Qxh5+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kh7]

40...Rg7 41.Qe6 Qb5 #20/17

[41...Qxe6+- 4.96/19 42.Nxe6 Rg8 43.Rd7+ Kh6]

42.Qf5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.53

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E33

☐ **Ding,Liren**

2702

☒ **Fressinet,Laurent**

2700

Beijing Sportaccord blitz (3) 16.12.2012
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 0-0 8.b4 e5 9.Bb2 Re8

[9...e4!? 10.d5 exf3 11.dxc6 fxe2 12.Bxe2 Re8=]

10.e3 Bg4 0.56/25

[Black should play 10...a5= 0.00/24]

11.d5 -0.28/23

[11.dxe5 $\pm$ 0.56/25 Nxe5 12.Nxe5

dxe5 13.f3]
11...Nb8 0.58/23
 [11...Bxf3!= -0.28/23 12.gxf3 Nd4]
12.Nd2± c6 13.e4 a5 14.Bd3 Nbd7
15.0-0 c5 1.41/22
 [15...cxd5± 0.52/21 16.cxd5 Nb6]
16.Nb3 b6 17.f3



bxc5 would now be deadly. **17...Bh5**
1.74/21

[17...axb4± 1.12/24 18.axb4 Bh5]
18.bxa5+- bxa5 19.a4 h6 20.Bc1 Bg6
2.31/22

[20...Nb8 1.63/21 was called for.
 21.Be3 (21.Bd2 Re7±) 21...Nfd7]

21.Bd2 Nh5 22.g3 Against Nf4 22...Rf8
23.Nxa5 f5 24.Nc6 Qe8 25.a5 1.13/20

[25.exf5+- 2.35/23 Bxf5 26.Bxf5
 Rxf5 27.Qa3]

25...fxe4± 26.fxe4 Ndf6 1.87/22

[26...Rxf1+± 1.07/25 keeps fighting.
 27.Rxf1 Nb8]

27.Qc2↑ White has strong initiative.

27...Qd7 2.12/22

[Δ27...Kh7 1.68/19 28.a6 Qc8]

28.Bc3 Kh7? 3.83/20

[28...Be8 2.20/19 29.a6 Qf7]

29.Rae1 1.80/20

[29.a6 Rfe8 30.Ra3 Qg4+-]

[Δ29.Bxe5 3.83/20 Ng4 (29...dxe5?
 30.Nxe5 Qb7 31.Nxg6+-) 30.Bxd6
 Clearance Qxd6 (30...Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1
 Qxd6 32.e5+-) 31.e5 Nxe5
 (31...Rxf1+? 32.Rxf1 Nxe5
 33.Nxe5+-) 32.Nxe5
 Remove Defender Qxe5 (32...Rxf1+?
 33.Rxf1 Qxe5 34.Bxg6+ Kh8
 35.Bxh5+-) 33.Bxg6+ Kg8 34.Qd2
 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1]

29...Ng4 2.34/22

[Δ29...Rfe8 1.80/20 30.Qg2 Ng8]

30.Qg2

[30.Rxf8 Rxf8 31.Bf1 Rf2=]

30...Rxf1+ 31.Qxf1

[31.Kxf1? Rf8+ 32.Kg1 Rf2 33.Qxf2
 Nxf2 34.Kxf2 Qh3+-]

[31.Rxf1 Ne3 32.Qf3 Nxf1 33.Qxf1
 Kg8±]

31...Ngf6? 4.35/21

[31...Qc7 2.17/22 32.Qf3 Ngf6]

32.Qf3? 1.59/21

[32.Bxe5+- 4.35/21 and the rest is
 easy. Kh8 33.Bxf6 Nxf6 34.e5
 Discovered Attack Bxd3 35.Qxd3
 dxe5 36.Rxe5 (36.Nxe5 Qb7+-)]

32...Qh3? 3.24/24

[32...Qc7± 1.59/21 is a better
 defense. 33.Bd2 Ng8]

33.Qg2 Qd7 3.43/22

[Δ33...Qc8 2.34/22 34.Ne7 Qd7]

34.Bd2 Qb7 35.Rb1 Qd7 36.h3
 Hoping for g4. **36...Qe8 37.Be3 Qd7?**
4.08/24

[37...Nd7 1.85/20 38.Kh2 Nb8]

38.Kh2 Qe8 39.Rb7 Qc8 Inhibits g4.

40.Rb6 aiming for g4. 40...Ra6? 4.62/22

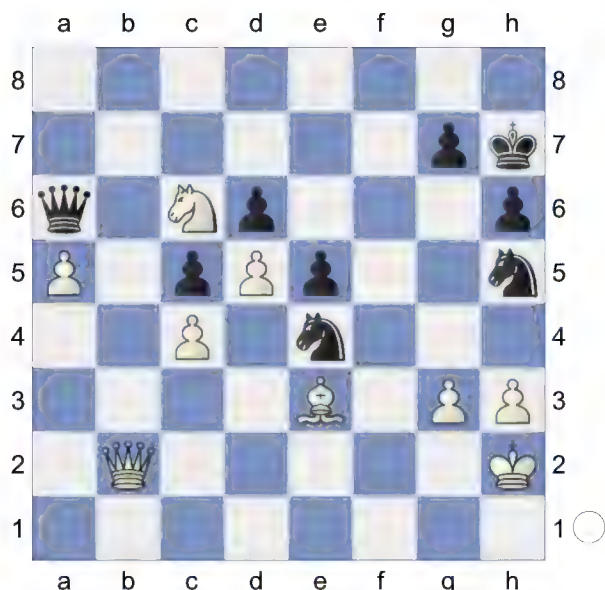
[40...Nd7 2.33/20]

41.Rxa6 Qxa6 42.Qb2 And now g4
 would win. **42...Bxe4 43.Bxe4+ 1.12/20**

[43.Be2+- 2.95/22 is more deadly.]

43...Nxe4

(Diagram)



44.Qb5 0.00/29

[44.Qc2!± 1.18/27 Nh6
(44...Nh3g3? 45.Kg2+-) 45.Kg2]

44...Qc8= 45.g4 Prevents Qf5 45...Qf8

46.gxh5 -1.05/31

[46.Qb2!= 0.00/29 Qf3 47.Qg2 Qxe3
48.gxh5]

**46...Qf3!± (-> ...Qg3+) 47.Qb3?
-7.92/20**

[47.Qb1 -1.75/21 Qg3+ Deflection
(47...Qxe3 48.a6=) 48.Kh1 Qxh3+
(48...Qxe3 49.a6=) 49.Kg1 Qxe3+
50.Kh1]

47...Qg3+-+ Black is clearly winning.

[47...Qxh5? perishes. 48.Bf2 Qe2
49.Qe3 Qxc4 50.Be1+-]

**48.Kh1 Nf2+ 49.Bxf2 Qxb3 50.a6
Qxc4**

**Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/
Black=0.54**

0-1

□ **Janik,Igor**

■ **Gajewski,Grzegorz**

Polish World Cup Qual rapid (7) 3.6.21
[Kitty Kat]

E30

2500

2603

E30: Nimzo-Indian: Leningrad Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bg5N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
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Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

**4...h6 5.Bh4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 g5 7.Bg3
Ne4 8.Qc2 d5**

[8...Nxg3!? 9.h3g3 g4=]

9.e3 h5! ...h4 is the strong threat.

10.Bd3 -0.93/20

[10.h4± 0.46/21]

**10...h4!± Black is more active. Black is
better. 11.Be5 f6 12.Bxe4 dxe4**

13.Qxe4 Hoping for Qg6+. 13...fxe5

14.Qg6+ Kf8! 15.Nxg5 -2.08/24

[15.Nxe5? Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxc3+
17.bxc3 Qe7±]

[15.d5± -1.29/20 was necessary.
exd5 16.cxd5]

15...Bxc3+ -0.79/19

[15...Qe7+- -2.08/24 is more deadly.
16.0-0-0 exd4 (16...Qg7? 17.Nxe6+
Bxe6 18.Qxe6+-) 17.exd4 Qg7
18.Qxg7+ Kxg7]

16.bxc3 Qe7 Against Qf7+ 17.f4 exd4

18.exd4 Qg7 19.Qe4 Rh6 20.Rb1
-2.15/22

[20.0-0 ♣ -0.72/19]

20...Ne7 -0.90/19

[20...Qg6-+ -2.15/22 Strongly
threatening ...Qxe4+. 21.g4 Qxe4+
22.Nxe4 b6]

21.0-0 c6 -0.46/22

[21...Kg8 ♣ -0.90/22]

22.Qe5 -0.87/22

[22.a4 ♣ -0.46/22]

22...Nf5 23.Qa5 b6 -0.43/22

[Black should play 23...Kg8 ♣ -0.81/22
Threatens to win with ...Ne3. 24.c5
Rg6]

24.Rxb6 ♣ axb6 25.Qxa8 Qb7 0.00/22

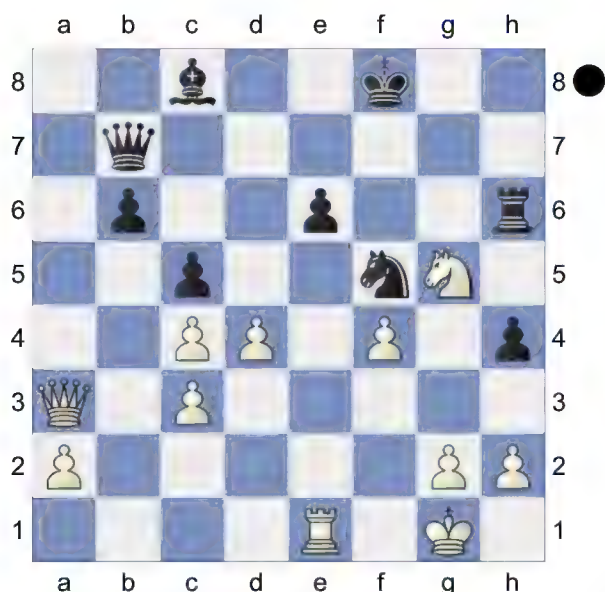
[25...Qc7! ♣ -0.55/21]

26.Qa3+ -0.43/21

[26.Qxb7= 0.00/22 Bxb7 27.Re1]

26...c5 27.Re1? -2.50/19

[27.dxc5 ♣ -0.46/18 Kg7 (27...Qe7
28.Rd1 ♣) 28.Re1]



Black converts the advantage convincingly. 27...h3! → Black goes for the king. 28.gxh3 -3.59/18

[♢28.Re2 -2.24/22]

28...Nh4 29.d5 exd5 30.Qa4 Bd7

31.Qd1 d4

[31...dxc4 32.Qe2-+]

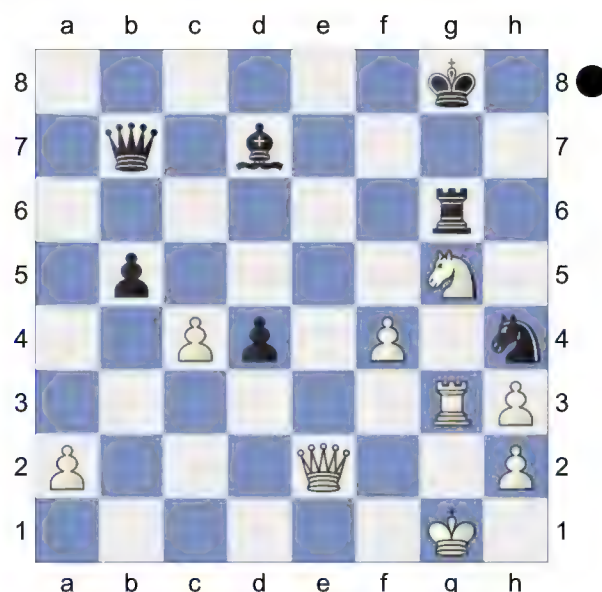
32.Qe2 Prevents Qg2+. White threatens Qe7+ and mate. 32...Kg8

[32...dxc3 33.Qe7+ Kg8 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.Qf8#]

33.cxd4 cxd4 aiming for ...Rg6. 34.Rd1 Rg6 35.Rd3 Prevents Nf3+ 35...b5

[35...Qc6 36.Kf2 Rf6 (36...Qxc4? 37.Rg3-+) 37.Rg3 Rxf4+ 38.Kg1-+]

36.Rg3



Black is clearly winning. 36...Nf5 Prevents Qe7 37.Rb3 Ne3 38.cxb5 Qe4 39.Qf2 Be6 White is weak on the light squares 40.Qg3 Qc2 (-> ...Qc1+) 41.Rxe3 dxe3 42.Qxe3 Qb1+

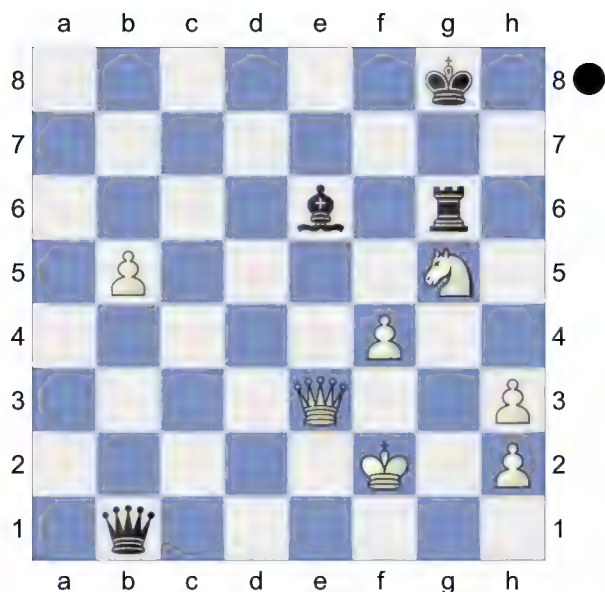
[Stronger than 42...Bxa2 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qd7+ Kf6 45.Qd6+ Kg7 46.Qe7+ Kg8 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.Qe7+ Kg8 49.Qd8+ Kg7 50.Qd4+ Kg8 (50...Rf6 51.Ne4= Pin) 51.Qd8+=]

43.Kf2 Qxa2+ 44.Kg1 Qb1+ 45.Kf2

(Diagram)

Qxb5! 46.Qe4

[46.h4 Bd7]



46...Qf5 47.Qf3 Bd5 48.Qe3 Qc2+
49.Ke1 Qc6

[Worse is 49...Qxh2 50.Qe8+ Kg7
51.Qe7+ Kg8 52.Qd8+ Kg7
53.Qe7+ Kg8 54.Qe8+ Kg7
55.Qe7+=]

50.Qe5 Qc1+ 51.Ke2 Qc2+ 52.Ke3
Qb3+ 53.Kf2 Bf7 54.Qd4 Qb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/
Black=0.35

0-1

E33

□ Rakhmanov,Alexander

2645

■ Gazik,Viktor

2502

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[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
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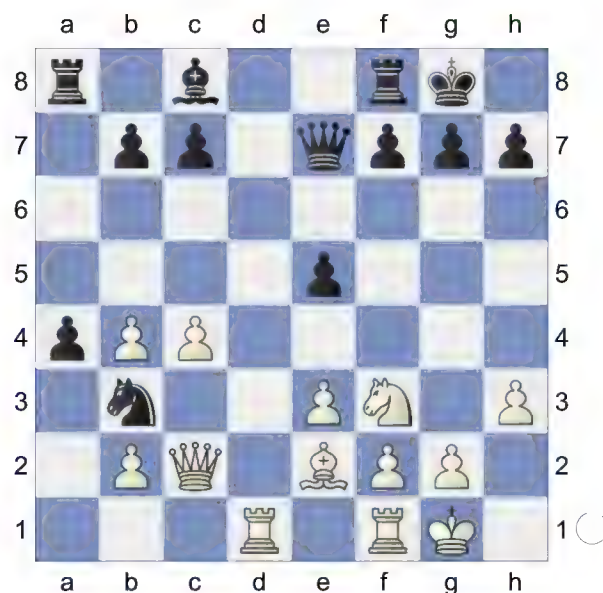
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Bd2 d6 6.e3 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3
8.Bxc3 a5 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.Be2 a4
11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 White is better.
12...dxe5 13.h3 Nd7 14.Rad1 0.31/21

[14.Bd3 0.69/22 feels stronger.]

14...Nc5± 15.Bb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 Nb3
1.02/24

[16...e4± 0.62/20 is superior. 17.bxc5
exf3 18.Bxf3 Qxc5]



17.Qe4 0.64/24

[17.c5!± 1.02/24]

17...f6 18.c5 Ra7 2.13/22

[18...Kh8± 0.72/21 was necessary.]

19.Bc4+ Be6 2.16/21

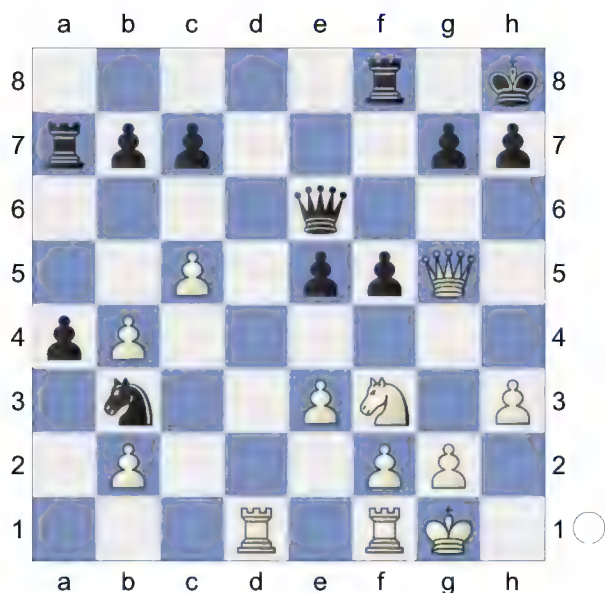
[19...Kh8± 1.32/20 was worth a try.]

20.Qg4 0.85/22

[20.Bxe6+- 2.16/21 and White stays
clearly on top. Qxe6 21.Rd5]

20...Bxc4± 21.Qxc4+ Kh8? 2.31/21

[21...Qf7± 0.78/21 is a better defense. 22.Qg4 g6]
22.Qg4+- Rd7 is the strong threat.
22...f5 23.Qg5 Qe6 3.36/22
 [Δ23...Qxg5 2.14/20 24.Nxg5 b6]

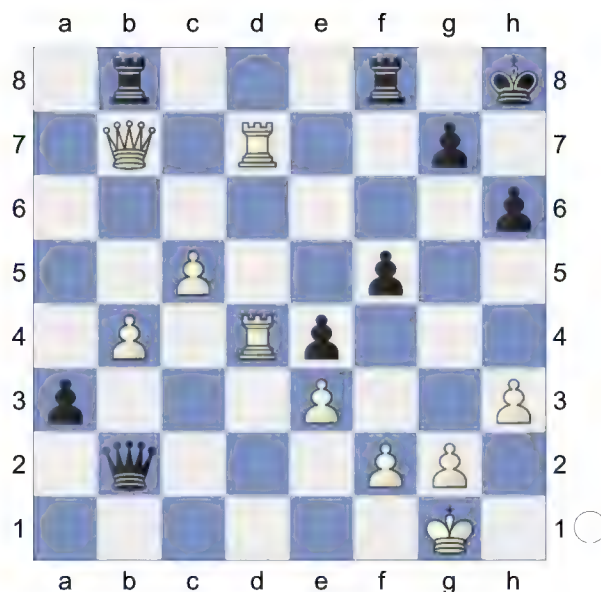


24.Qd8!! Double Attack. Black is weak on the dark squares **24...Ra8**

[24...Rxd8 25.Rxd8+]
25.Qxc7 e4 26.Nd4 Nxd4 27.Rxd4 Qb3 28.Rd7? 0.24/22
 [28.Qxb7+- 3.51/21 Rab8 29.Qd7]
28...Qxb2= 29.Qxb7 c6 would now be deadly. **29...a3** Hoping for ...a2.
30.Rfd1↑ White has some pressure.
30...h6! Threatens to win with ...a2.

[30...a2 31.Qxa8 Kg8 32.Qd5+ Kh8 33.Rd8 Qf6 34.Qa8 (34.Rxf8+ Qxf8 35.Ra1 h5+-) 34...Kg8 35.Qxa2+ Kh8 36.Rxf8+ Qxf8 37.c6]

31.R1d4 Rab8? 1.70/28
 [31...a2= 0.00/32 and Black has nothing to worry. 32.Rxg7 a1R+ (32...a1B 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Qg7#; 32...a1Q+ 33.Kh2=) 33.Kh2 R1a7 34.Rh7+ Kg8 35.Rg7+ Kh8 36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.Rg7+ Kh8]



32.Qc7!+- a2? 18.34/21

[32...Rxb4? 33.Rxg7+-]
 [32...Rbc8± 1.14/22 33.Qe5 Rf6]
33.Rxg7 a1Q+ 34.Kh2 Qxd4 35.exd4
 White wants to mate with Rh7+.
35...Qxd4 36.Rh7+? 0.00/24

[Only move: 36.Rg6+- 8.39/29 Rfd8 37.Qf7 (37.Rxh6+ Kg8+-) 37...Qe5+ 38.g3 Qxg3+ 39.fxg3 (39.Rxg3 Rg8+-) 39...Rd2+ 40.Kg1 Rd1+ 41.Kf2]

36...Kg8= aiming for ...Rbc8. **37.Rd7? -2.55/27**

[37.Rxh6= 0.00/24 Qg7 (37...Qxb4 38.Qh7#) 38.Qd6]

37...Qf6+-

[37...Qxb4 38.Qg3+ Kh8 39.Qg7#]
 [37...Qxf2 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Qg7#]

38.Rd6 Qg7 -1.57/18

[38...Qg5+- -3.49/20 has better winning chances. White must now prevent ...Rbe8! 39.Rd4 Rbe8]

39.Qc6? -4.51/20

[39.Rd7± -1.57/18 Qf6 40.Qg3+ Kh8 41.Qe3]

39...Qe5+

[39...Rxb4 40.Rg6+- (40.Rxh6

Qe5+ 41.g3 Rb2=)]

40.g3 Rf7

[40...Rxb4 41.Rg6+ Kf7 42.Rxh6±]

41.Re6 Qd4 42.Rg6+ Kf8 43.Kg2 e3

[43...Rxb4 44.Qc8+ Ke7 45.Re6#]

44.fxe3 Qd2+

[44...Qxb4 45.Qd6+ Re7 46.Qf6+ Rf7 47.Qd6+ Re7 48.Rf6+ Kg8 (48...Ke8 49.Qc6+ Rd7 50.Qe6+ Kd8 51.Rf8+ Kc7 52.Qe5+ Skewer, Deflection Kc6 53.Rf6+ Kb7 54.Rb6+- Skewer) 49.Rg6+ (49.Qxe7 Qd2+ 50.Kf3 Qd1+ 51.Kf4 Rb4+ 52.Kxf5 Qf3+ 53.Ke6 Qxe3+ 54.Kd6 Rd4+ Deflection 55.Kc6 Qxe7 56.Rg6+ Kf8 57.Rg4 Rd7 58.Rf4+ Ke8 59.Kb5 Qe2+ 60.Kb4 Qd2+ 61.Kb5 Rb7+ 62.Ka6 Qd5) 49...Kf8=]

45.Kf3 Qd1+

[45...Qxb4 46.Qd6+ Re7 47.Rf6+ Ke8 48.Qc6+ Rd7 49.Qe6+ Re7 50.Qc6+ Rd7 51.Qe6+ Re7 52.Qc6+=]

46.Kf2 Qc2+

[46...Rxb4 47.Qc8+ Ke7 48.Re6#]

47.Ke1 -9.46/20

[47...Kf3 -4.16/22 Qd1+ (47...Rxb4 48.Qc8+ Ke7 49.Re6#) 48.Kf2]

47...Qb1+

[47...Rxb4 48.Qc8+ Ke7 49.Re6#]

48.Kf2 Qc2+

[48...Qxb4 49.Qd6+ Re7 50.Rf6+ Kg8 (50...Ke8 51.Qc6+ Rd7 52.Qe6+ Re7 53.Qg8+ Kd7 54.Qd5+ Ke8 55.Qc6+ Rd7 56.Qe6+ Re7 57.Qg8+ Kd7 58.Qd5+ Ke8 59.Qg8+=) 51.Rg6+ (51.Qxe7 Qd2+ 52.Kf3 Qd1+ 53.Kf4 Rb4+ 54.Kxf5 Qf3+ 55.Kg6 Qxg3+ 56.Kf5 Qg5+ 57.Ke6 Qxe3+ 58.Kd6 Rd4+ Deflection 59.Kc6 Qxe7 60.Rd6 Rb4 61.Rd1 Qe6+ 62.Kc7

Rc4 63.Rd8+ Kh7 64.Rd7+ Kg6) 51...Kf8 52.Qf6+ Rf7 53.Qh8+ Ke7 54.Qe5+ Kf8 55.Qd6+ (55.Qh8+ Ke7=) 55...Re7=]

49.Ke1? -9.24/22

[49.Kf3 -3.83/20 Qd1+ (49...Rxb4 50.Qc8+ Ke7 51.Re6#) 50.Kf2]

49...Qc1+

[49...Rxb4 50.Qc8+ Ke7 51.Re6#]

50.Kf2 Qd2+

[50...Rxb4 51.Qc8+ Ke7 52.Re6#]

51.Kf3 Rd8? -1.72/20

[51...Qxb4 52.Qd6+ Re7 53.Rf6+ Ke8 54.Qc6+ Rd7 55.Qe6+ Re7 56.Qc6+ Rd7 57.Qe6+ Re7 58.Qg8+ Kd7 59.Qd5+ Ke8 60.Qc6+=]

[51...Qd1+ -6.05/19 52.Kf2 Rd8 (52...Rxb4 53.Qc8+ Ke7 54.Re6#)]

52.Rd6? -8.13/27

[52.Rxh6 -1.72/20 Qd5+ (52...Qxb4 53.Rh8+ Ke7 54.Re8+ Deflection Rxh8 55.Qd6#) 53.Qxd5 Rxd5 54.Rh8+ Ke7 (54...Kg7 55.Rb8±) 55.h4]

52...Rxd6 53.cxd6 Qd1+ 54.Kf4 Qf1+

55.Ke5 Qa1+ 56.Ke6 Qf6+ 57.Kd5

Kg7 58.b5 Qb2 59.b6? -7.28/22

[59.Qc4 -1.77/16]

59...Qd2+ 60.Kc5 Qxe3+ 61.Kb5

Qe5+ 62.Qc5 Qxg3? 0.00/32

[Better is 62...Qe8+- -5.47/20 63.Qc6 Rd7]

63.Qd4+= Kg6 And now ...Qb3+ would win. 64.d7 Qb3+

[64...Qxh3 65.d8Q (65.d8R Qb3+ 66.Kc5 Qc2+ 67.Kb4 Qe2=) 65...Qb3+ 66.Qb4+-]

65.Kc6 Qc2+!

[65...Qxh3 66.d8Q (66.d8R Qg2+ 67.Kb5 Qe2+ 68.Qd3 Qe5+ 69.Kc6 Rf6+ 70.Rd6 Qe8+ 71.Kb7 Qe7+ 72.Rd7 Qe6=) 66...Qh1+ 67.Q8d5

Qc1+ 68.Kb5+-]
66.Kb5 Qe2+ 67.Ka5 Qa2+ 68.Kb5
 [68.Kb4!? Qb1+□ 69.Kc5 Qc2+
 70.Kb5 Qe2+ 71.Ka5 Qa2+ 72.Kb5
 Qe2+=]
68...Qb1+ 69.Ka5 Qe1+? 3.23/31
 [69...Qa2+= 0.00/25 70.Kb4 Qb1+
 71.Ka5 Qa2+]
70.Kb5? 0.00/32
 [70.Ka4+- 3.23/31 Rf8 71.Qd6+
 (71.d8R Rf7±; 71.d8Q Rxd8
 72.Qxd8 Qe4+ 73.Kb5 f4±) 71...Kh5
 72.Qxf8 Qd1+ 73.Kb5 Qd5+ 74.Qc5
 Qxd7+ 75.Ka5]
70...Qe2+ 71.Ka5 f4? 6.25/16
 [71...Qa2+= 0.00/16 72.Kb4 Qb1+
 73.Ka5 Qa2+]
72.Qd6+? 0.00/33
 [72.d8B Rf5+ 73.Kb4 Qb5+ 74.Ka3
 Qa5+ 75.Kb3 Rb5+ 76.Kc2 Qa2+
 77.Kd3 Qb1+ (77...Rd5? 78.Bh4+-)
 78.Kd2 Rb2+]
 [72.Qg1+- 6.25/16 Kh5 73.Qc5+
 (73.d8R? Rf5+ 74.Kb4 Qb5+
 75.Kc3 Rc5+-+; 73.Qg4+ Qxg4
 74.hxg4+ Kxg4+-) 73...Kg6 74.Qg1+
 (74.d8R Qe1+ 75.Ka4 Qa1+ 76.Kb3
 Qb1+ 77.Ka3 Qa1+ 78.Kb3 Qb1+
 79.Ka4 Qa2+ 80.Kb5 Qb1+ 81.Ka4
 Qa2+ 82.Kb5 Qb1+ 83.Ka6 Qa1+
 84.Kb5 f3=) 74...Kh5 75.Qg4+
 Promotion (75.d8R? Rf5+ 76.Kb4
 Qb5+ 77.Kc3 Rc5+-+) 75...Qxg4
 76.hxg4+ (76.d8R Qg5+ 77.Kb4
 Qxd8 78.Kb5 Rf5+ 79.Kc4 Qd6
 80.Kb3 Rc5 81.b7 Qb6+ 82.Ka4
 Ra5#) 76...Kxg4 77.d8Q (77.d8R?
 f3-+)]
72...Kh7 (-> ...Rf5+) 73.d8Q
 [73.d8R? loses. Rf5+ 74.Kb4 Qb5+
 75.Kc3 Rc5+-+]
73...Rf5+ 74.Kb4! Threatening mate
with Q8c7+. 74...Rb5+ 75.Kc3 Qb2+

76.Kd3! White threatens Q8e7+ and
 mate. **76...Rb3+ 77.Ke4** Intending
 Q8d7+ and mate. **77...Re3+ 78.Kf5??**
-14.38/34

[78.Kd5= 0.00/27 Rd3+ 79.Kc6
 Rxd6+ 80.Qxd6 Qg2+ 81.Kc7 Qg7+
 82.Kc8 Qc3+ 83.Kb8 Qh8+ 84.Ka7
 Qa1+ 85.Kb7 Qg7+ 86.Kc8 Qg8+
 87.Kb7 Qg7+ 88.Kc8]

78...Qc2+-+ 79.Kg4 Qg2+ A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/
Black=0.52
0-1

	A50
□ Ivanchuk,Vassily	2771
■ Bauer,Christian	2664

Cap d'Agde Karpov qual rapid (2)
 [Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
 (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
 615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc6 c6 9.Bg5
 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4

The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.h4 h5 1.06/23

[5...Neg8± 0.67/21 should be considered.]

6.Bg5± Ng6 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0.75/19

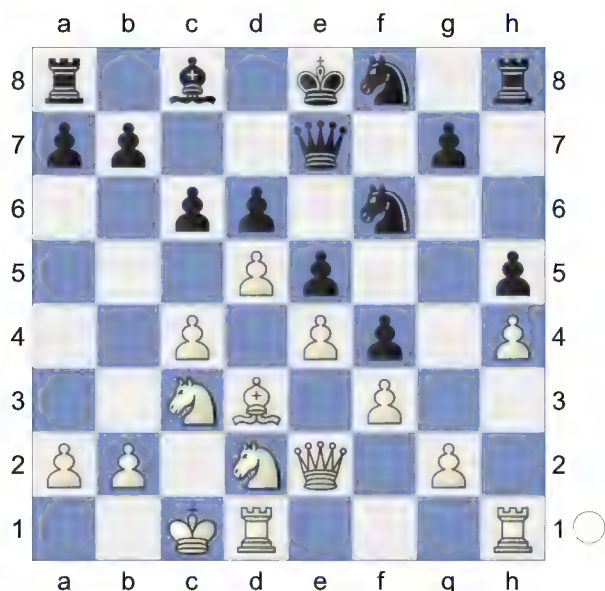
[Δ8.g3 1.25/21]

8...d6 9.Nf3 Nf8 10.Nd2 Ng4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qe2 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.0-0-0 c6 1.14/23

[14...Ng6± 0.53/21]

15.e4 f4 1.60/20

[Δ15...cxd5 1.19/21 16.cxd5 (16.exf5 d4±) 16...f4]



16.c5! dxc5 17.Nc4 1.17/24

[17.Bc2+- 1.69/21]

17...Ng6 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Na5 Qc7 20.Nb3 0-0 21.Nxc5 Kh7 22.Bc4 Qe7 23.Qf2 0.66/21

[23.N3a4± 1.24/22]

23...Ne8± 24.Rd2 0.42/22 White is much more active. Black is weak on the light squares

[24.Kb1± 0.80/21]

24...Rb8 1.20/21

[24...Nd6± 0.42/22 25.Bb3 Rd8]

25.a3 0.26/21

[25.Rhd1!± 1.20/21]

25...Nd6= 26.Be2 Ne8 1.29/23

[26...Rd8= 0.00/21]

27.Kb1 0.36/21

[27.Rhd1!± 1.29/23]

27...Nc7± 28.Ka1 -0.50/20

[Better is 28.Bc4± 0.32/22]

28...Ne6 29.Nxe6 Bxe6 30.Bd1



Rxb2 0.06/23 31.Rxb2= Hoping for Nb1. 31...Qxa3+ 32.Kb1! Qxc3 33.Qd2 Qa3 34.Qb4 The board is on fire. 34...Qxb4 1.32/18

[34...Qe3= 0.06/23 keeps the balance.]

35.Rxb4± Rd8 36.Kc1 Rd4 37.Ra4 0.18/20

[White should play 37.Rb7± 1.20/21]

37...Rxd1!= Decoy 38.Rxd1

[38.Kxd1? Bb3+ 39.Kd2 Bxa4-+]

38...Bb3 39.Rxa7 Bxd1 40.Kxd1 Nxh4 Endgame. KR-KN 41.Ra2 g5

42.Ke1 g4 43.Kf2 Kg6 44.Rc2 Kf7 45.Rxc6 Ng6 46.Rc7+ Kg8 47.Rc8+ Kh7 48.Rc7+ Kh6? 5.96/37

[48...Kg8± 0.34/39]

49.Rf7? 0.14/39

[49.fxg4!+- 5.96/37 hxg4 50.g3]

49...Kg5? 5.68/28

[49...g3+= 0.14/39 and Black stays

safe. 50.Kg1 Nh4]

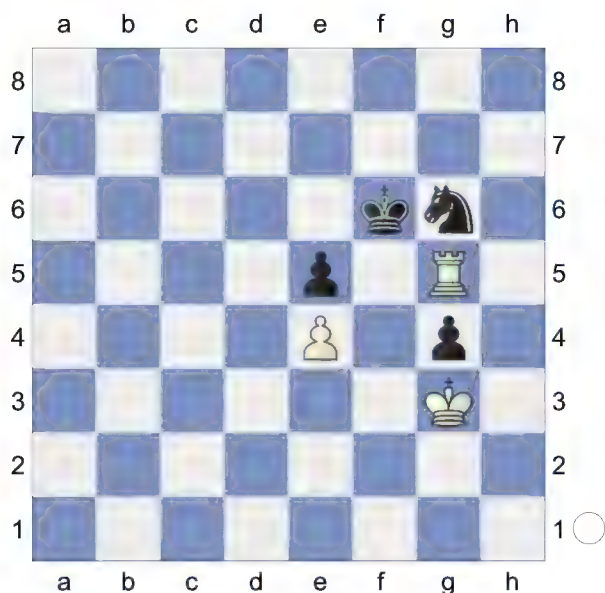
50.Rf5+- Kh6 51.fxg4 hxg4 52.g3
 Wards off Nh4 **52...Kg7 53.Rg5?**
0.09/25

[53.gxf4+- **4.74/26** Nxf4 54.Kg3
 (54.Rxe5 gets mated. Nd3+ 55.Kg1
 Nxe5 56.Kh1 Kg6 57.Kg2 Kh6
 58.Kh2 Kh5 59.Kg3 Kg5 60.Kg2 Kf4
 61.Kf2 g3+ 62.Kg2 Kg4 63.Kf1 Kf3
 64.Ke1 g2 65.Kd1 g1Q+ 66.Kc2
 Qc5+ 67.Kb3 Qc4+ 68.Ka3 Nd3
 69.e5 Qc3+ 70.Ka4 Qb4#)]

53...fxg3+? 8.92/47

[53...Kf6= **0.09/25** 54.Rxg4 fxg3+
 55.Ke3 (55.Kxg3 Nh8+-) 55...Ne7
 56.Rxg3 Nc8]

54.Kxg3 Kf6



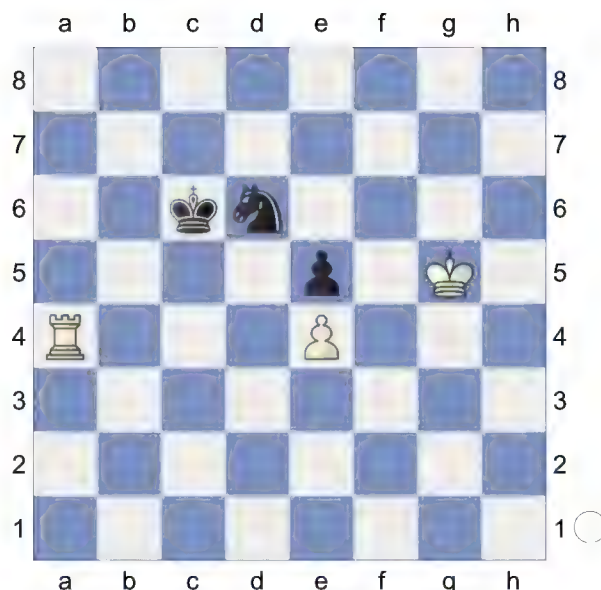
55.Rxg4? 0.09/51

[Less strong is 55.Kxg4 Nh8 56.Rh5
 Nf7 57.Rf5+ Ke7±]

[White has to play 55.Rh5!+- **7.89/40**
 Ne7 56.Rh8 (56.Kxg4 Nc8±)]

55...Nf8= 56.Rg8 Ne6 57.Rc8 Ng5
58.Rc6+ Ke7 59.Rc4 Kd7 60.Kg4 Nf7
61.Ra4 Nd6 62.Kg5 Threatens to win
with Kf6. 62...Kc6? 10.93/27

[62...Ke6= **0.09/48**]



63.Kf6!+- White is clearly winning.

63...Kd7 64.Kxe5 White threatens Rd4
 and mate. **64...Nf7+ 65.Kf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
 Black=0.44

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E10

□ Posthuma, Joshua G

2389

■ Caruana, Fabiano

2781

Titled Tuesday intern op 29th Mar Early ..
 [Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3
 White is better. **8...Re8 9.Bb2 e5**
10.dxe5 dxe5N

[10...Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1
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 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1

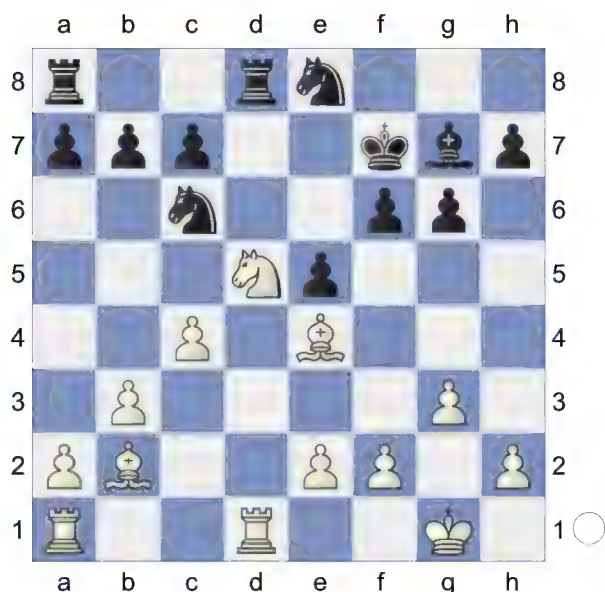
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
34.Bb7 Ne6 35.Bxa6 Nxf4 36.gxf4
b4 37.Qc2 b3 38.Qc3 Qa4 39.Bd3
Qb4 40.Qxb4 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
(2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com
U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15)]

11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rfd1 Bf5

[Reject 12...Rxd1+ 13.Rxd1 Bf5
14.Nh4±]

13.Nd5 Ne8 14.Ng5 Ne3 is the strong
threat. **14...f6 15.Ne4↑** White has good
play. **15...Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Kf7 1.23/21**

[16...f5= 0.10/23 keeps the balance.
17.Bg2 e4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7]



17.g4 0.32/24

[17.Nc3!± 1.23/21]

17...Bf8 0.79/22 Black is weak on the
light squares

[17...Nd4!± 0.32/24]

18.Rd2 0.36/23

[18.Rd3± 0.79/22]

18...Bb4 0.88/20

[18...Nb8± 0.36/23]

19.Rd3± Bc5 20.Rad1 Rac8



21.b4 0.36/22 Bf8 1.52/21

[21...Nd6!± 0.36/22]

22.b5 0.82/21

[Δ22.c5 1.52/21]

22...Nd4 1.83/28 23.Bxd4 exd4

24.Rxd4 Nf4 would now be deadly.

24...Bc5 1.89/24

[24...c6± 1.50/23 was called for.]

25.R4d3+- Strongly threatening Nf4.

25...Nd6 2.29/22

[25...c6 1.89/22 was worth a try.]

26.Nc3 Threatens to win with Bf3.

26...Re8 2.48/20

[26...Nxe4± 1.51/19 keeps fighting.

27.Nxe4 (27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rxd8
Nxc3±) 27...Rxd3 28.Rxd3 Be7]

27.Bd5+ Kg7 28.Na4 b6 3.79/22

[Δ28...Bb4 2.45/20 29.c5 Nxb5
30.Bxb7 Rb8]

29.Nxc5 bxc5 30.e3 Rcd8 31.Bc6

Rf8 32.Rc1 f5 33.h3 fxg4 34.hxg4

Nf7 35.Ra3 Ne5 36.Rxa7 Rd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27
(precise) /Black=0.38. Loss on time!?

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(Diagram)

□ Rychagov, Andrey

E21

2545

■ Sadhwani, Raunak

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PNWCC Online blitz JP 14th (8) 20.06.20
[Kitty Kat]

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Bd2 d6 6.e3 e5 7.dxe5
dxe5 8.a3 White is slightly better.
8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Hoping for Qxd8+.
9...Qe7 10.Be2 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Qc2
Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 1.72/22

[13...Bc8± 0.80/22]

14.Nh4? -0.19/22

[14.Nxe5+- 1.72/22 Bxe2 (14...Nxe5
15.Bxh5 Nxh5 16.Qf5+-) 15.Nxc6
bxc6 16.Qxe2]

14...Bxe2= 15.Qxe2 0-0 16.Rad1 Qe6
17.Nf3 Ne4 Prevents Ng5. 18.Bb4
Rfd8 19.Qc2 f5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8
21.Rd1

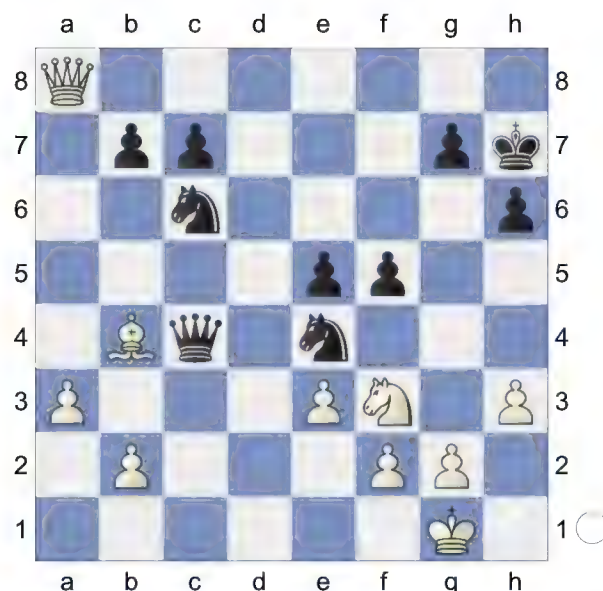
[21.Qxa4 feels hotter. Qxc4 22.Rd1
Rb8 23.Nd2]

21...Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 h6

[22...Qxc4? too greedy. 23.Qd7 h6
24.Qc8+ (24.Qxf5 Nxb4 25.Qc8+
Kh7=; 24.Qxc7 Qf7±) 24...Kh7

25.Qxf5+ (25.Qxc7 Qc1+ 26.Kh2
Nxf2=) 25...Kh8 26.Qc8+ (26.Nxe5
Nxe5 27.Qxe5 c5±) 26...Kh7
27.Be1+- (27.Qxb7 Nxb4 28.Qxb4
Qc1+ 29.Kh2 Nxf2=; 27.Qxc7 Qc2=)]

23.Qxa4 Qxc4 24.Qa8+ Kh7



Threatens to win with ...Qc1+. 25.Qxb7
0.00/28

[White should play 25.Qc8!± 0.79/24
f4 26.Qf5+ (26.Qxb7 Qc1+ 27.Kh2
Nxf2=; 26.Qxc7 Qe2=) 26...Kh8
27.Nxe5 Nxe5 28.Qxe5 fxe3
29.fxe3]

25...Nxb4 26.Qxb4± Endgame. KQN-
KQN 26...Qc1+ 27.Qe1 Qxb2 28.a4
c5 29.a5 c4 aiming for ...c3. 30.a6 c3↑
And now ...c2 would win. Black has good
play. 31.Nxe5 Qa3 Strongly threatening
...c2! 32.Qb1 -1.27/25

[32.Qe2= 0.00/24]

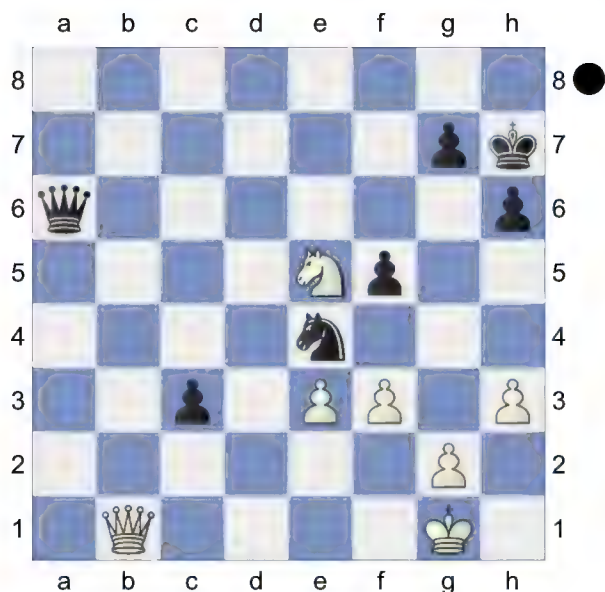
32...Qxa6? 33.f3? -6.57/25

[33.Nd3? -1.37/25]

(Diagram)

33...Qe2! 34.fxe4

[34.Kh2 Qb2]



34...c2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/
Black=0.18 (very precise)

[Stronger than 34...Qxe3+ 35.Kh1=]
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□ **Sjugirov, Sanan**

■ **Fressinet, Laurent**

Moscow Aeroflot rapid op qual (6)
[Kitty Kat]

E01
2646
2706

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 d5N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2

30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...Ne4 9.Rd1 a5 10.Nc3 f5 11.a3 Bf6 12.e3 Kh8 13.Rac1 Ne7 14.Ne2 c6 15.Nf4 Bd7 16.Be1 Ng6 17.Nd3 Be8 18.Rb1 Nd6 19.b3 Qc7 1.38/21**

[Black should try 19...b5 0.94/18]

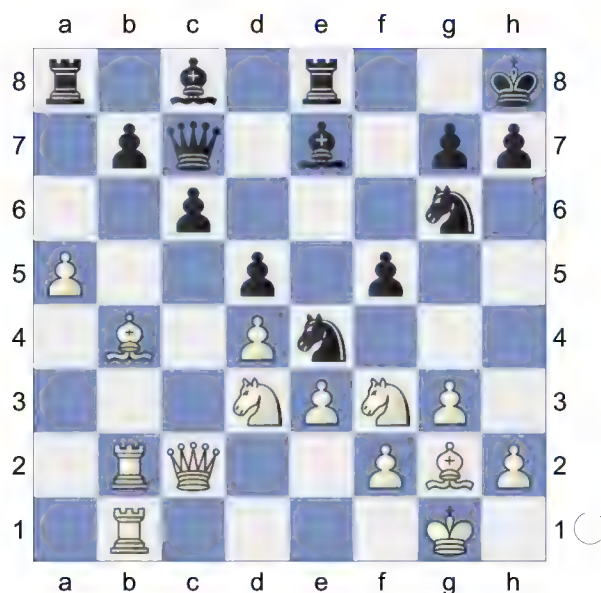
20.a4± Ne4 21.Rdc1 Bf7 22.cxd5 exd5 23.b4 axb4 24.Bxb4 Rfe8 25.Rb2 Be6 26.a5 Bc8 1.63/18

[26...Be7± 1.14/21 was worth a try.]

27.Rcb1 1.23/19

[27.Qb3+- 1.63/18]

27...Be7



28.Be1!

[28.Bxe7 Rxe7 29.Ra1 Rxa5 30.Rxa5 Qxa5±]

28...Bd6 29.Rb6 Nf6 1.42/23

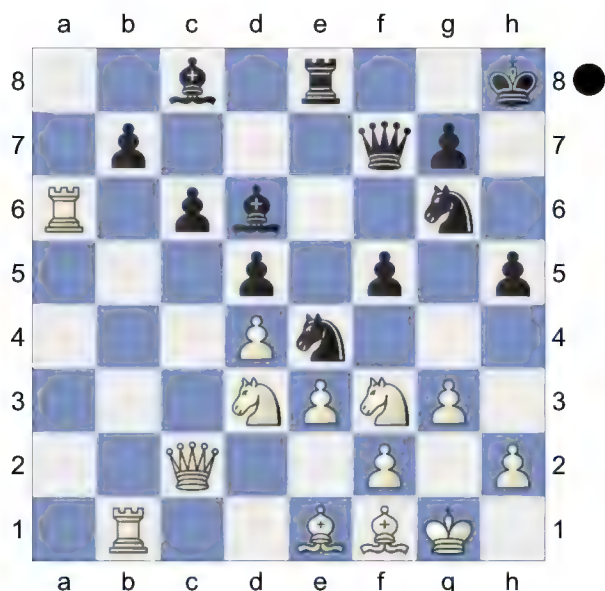
[Δ29...Kg8 1.03/20]

30.R6b2 Ne4 31.Rb6 Nf6 32.R6b2 Ne4 33.Bf1 White stays focused until the end. **33...Qf7 34.Ra2 h5 35.a6 Rxa6 2.20/21**

[35...h4± 1.45/20 keeps fighting.

36.axb7 (36.gxh4 bxa6 37.Qd1 f4±)
 36...Bxb7 37.Rxa8 (37.gxh4 Rxa2
 38.Qxa2 Bc8±) 37...Rxa8 38.gxh4
 (38.Nxh4 Nxh4 39.gxh4 Nf6±)
 38...Ra7]

36.Rxa6+-



**Remove Defender 36...bxa6 37.Qxc6
 h4 38.Bb4**

[38.Nxh4 Nxh4 39.gxh4 f4±]
 [38.gxh4?! Bd7 39.Rb7 (39.Qxa6
 f4=) 39...Bxc6±]

38...Bd7 39.Qxa6 Rb8 2.74/20

[⚪39...Bc8 1.98/20 40.Qb6 f4]

40.Qa2

[Weaker is 40.Nxh4 Nxh4 41.gxh4
 Qg6+ 42.Kh1 f4-+]
 [40.gxh4 f4 41.Bg2 (41.Ng5 Qf6±)
 41...fxe3 42.fxe3 Bb5 43.Bxd6
 (43.Ng5 Bxh2+ Decoy 44.Kxh2
 Qc7+=) 43...Bxa6=]

**40...hxg3 41.hxg3 Bc7 42.Rc1 Bb5
 4.35/21**

[⚪42...Be8 2.85/21 43.Qa7 Bd6
 44.Qxf7 Bxf7]

**43.Qa7 Bc4 44.Ba5 Rc8 45.Nde5
 White is clearly winning. 45...Nxe5
 46.Nxe5 Qh5 47.Bxc7 Bxf1 48.Rxf1
 Qh3 49.Qb7 Nxg3 50.Nf7+**

[Stronger than 50.Qxc8+ Kh7 51.fxg3
 Qxg3+ 52.Kh1 Qh3+ 53.Kg1 Qg3+
 54.Kh1 Qh3+ 55.Kg1 Qg3+=]
 [Worse is 50.fxg3 Qxg3+ 51.Kh1
 Qh3+ 52.Kg1 Qg3+ 53.Kh1 Qh3+
 54.Kg1 Qg3+=]

50...Kg8 51.Qxc8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very
 precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)

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□ Vitiugov, Nikita

■ Bauer, Christian

EU-Cup 28th Eilat (1.2)

[Kitty Kat]

E21

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11.10.2012

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
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 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,
 R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Bd2 0-0 6.a3 0.15/22

[6.Qc2± 0.59/23 should be
 considered.]

**6...Bxc3= 7.Bxc3 Ne4 Repels b4
 8.Qc2 The position is equal. 8...Nxc3
 9.Qxc3 d6 10.e3 Qe7 11.Rc1 Bd7
 12.b4 e5 13.d5 Nd8 14.c5 f6 15.Be2
 Nf7 16.0-0 Rfd8 White leaves nothing**

to chance now. **17.Nd2** White is more active. **17...f5 1.18/18**

[17...c6± 0.60/19]

18.Nb3 0.69/22

[Better is 18.c6± 1.18/18 Black must now prevent cxb7! bxc6 19.dxc6]

18...f4 1.60/22

[18...b6± 0.69/22]

19.Na5 0.93/20

[Δ19.exf4 1.60/22 exf4 20.Rfe1]

19...Ng5 1.66/21

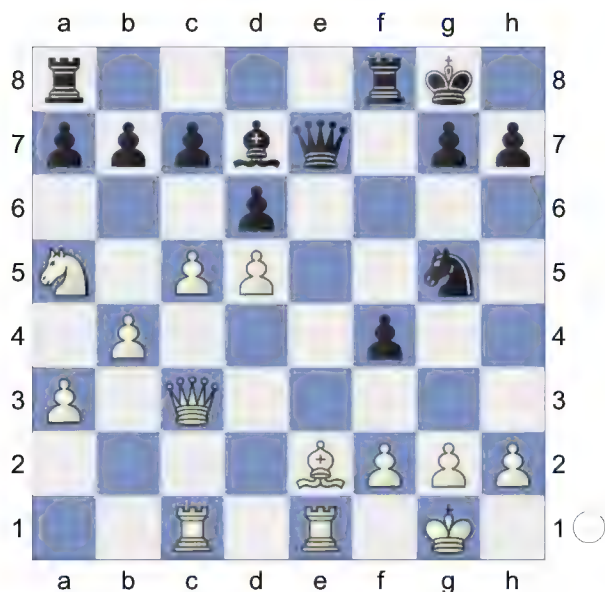
[19...b6± 0.93/20]

20.exf4+-

[20.Nxb7 f3 21.Bxf3 (21.gxf3 Rf8±) 21...Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Bh3±]

20...exf4 21.Rfe1 Rf8? 3.35/20

[21...Re8 1.67/18 22.Bf1 (22.Nxb7 f3±) 22...Qf7]



22.Bh5

[22.Nxb7 f3 23.Bxf3 Qf7±]

22...Qf6 23.Qxf6

[23.Nxb7 Qh6±]

23...Rxf6 24.Re7

[24.Nxb7 g6+-]

24...Bf5 25.Nxb7

[25.Rxc7 b6+-]

25...Rh6 26.h4 Rxh5 27.hxg5 Rxg5

28.f3

[Resist 28.Rxc7 dxc5 29.d6 (29.Nxc5 Rg6+-; 29.R7xc5 Bh3+-; 29.R1xc5 Re8=; 29.bxc5 Be4+-) 29...cxb4 30.axb4 f3]

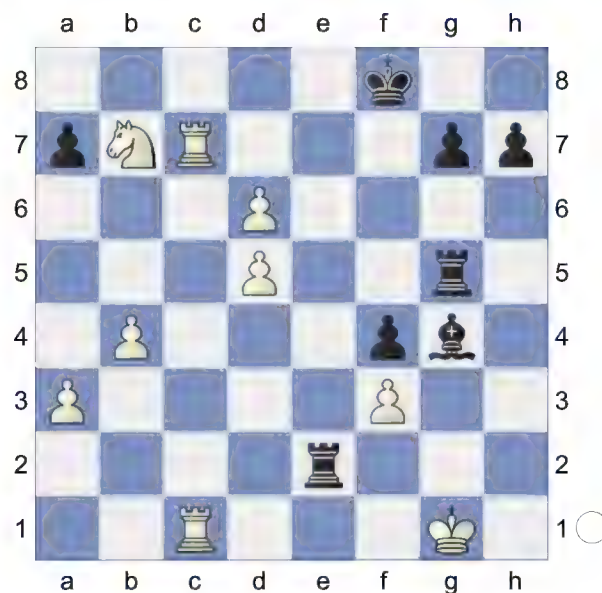
[28.cxd6 cxd6 29.Nxd6 Bh3+-]

28...Kf8 29.Rxc7 Re8 6.35/20

[Δ29...dxc5 4.15/19 30.d6 (30.Nxc5 Rd8+-; 30.R7xc5 Rb8+-; 30.R1xc5 Re8+-; 30.bxc5 Re8+-) 30...cxb4 31.axb4 Re8]

30.cxd6 White is clearly winning.

30...Re2 31.g4 Bxg4



32.Kf1!

[Worse is 32.fxg4 Rxg4+ 33.Kf1 Rgg2=]

32...Re3 7.30/28

[Δ32...Bxf3 4.90/18 33.d7 Rxd5 34.d8Q+ (34.d8R+ Rxd8 35.Nxd8 Re8+-) 34...Rxd8]

33.fxg4 Rf3+ 34.Ke2 Re3+ 35.Kf2 Rxd5 36.d7 Rd2+ 37.Kf1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39

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□ Baldauf,Marco

E33
2503

■ Pragganandhaa,Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 14th July blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
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Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bd2 d6 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e4 e5 10.d5 Nb8
11.Bd3 White is better. 11...a5 12.b4
-0.23/23

[12.0-0± 0.55/23]

12...Nh5 0.20/21

[Δ12...axb4 -0.23/23 13.axb4 Rxa1+
14.Bxa1 Nh5]

13.g3 -0.27/26

[Δ13.0-0! 0.20/21]

13...Bh3= ...axb4 would now be deadly.

14.Nd2

[14.bxa5 Bg2 15.Ke2 Bxh1 16.Rxh1
Na6±]

14...Na6 0.27/20

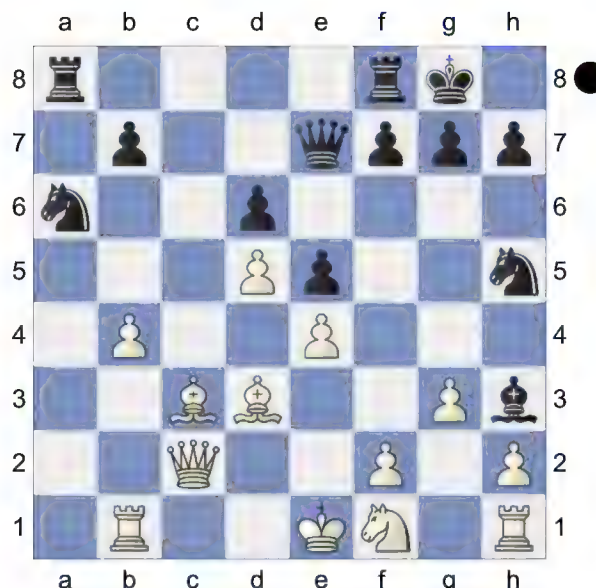
[14...axb4± -0.39/21 15.axb4 Rxa1+
16.Bxa1 f5]

15.Rb1 -0.27/22

[15.bxa5 f5=]
[Δ15.Nb3 0.27/20]

15...axb4 16.axb4 c6 17.Nf1 -0.94/21
[17.dxc6= -0.25/24 remains equal.
bxc6 18.f3]

17...cxd5± 18.cxd5



f5! 19.exf5 Bg2 20.Rg1 Bxd5
Black is more active. 21.Ne3 Bf7
22.Be4 -1.67/21

[22.Bc4± -0.86/21]

22...Nf6+ 23.Qd3 -2.28/21 Repels d5

[23.g4± -1.53/19 keeps fighting.]

23...Rfc8 Threatens to win with ...Nxe4.

24.Bd2 -2.26/21

[24.Bf3± -1.41/21]

24...Qd7? -0.72/21

[24...Nxe4+ -2.26/21 and Black stays
clearly on top. 25.Nd5 Bxd5
26.Qxd5+ Qf7 27.Qxe4 d5]

25.Bd5 -1.32/21

[Δ25.Nd5 -0.72/21]

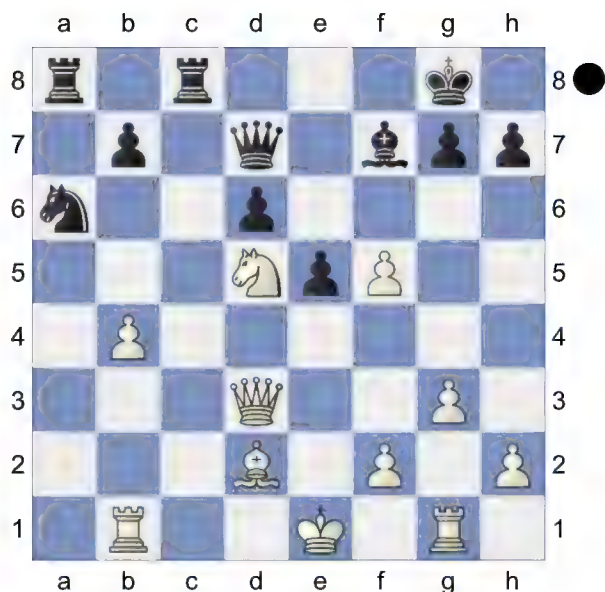
25...Nxd5 -0.81/17

[Δ25...Nb8! -1.32/21 Strongly
threatening ...Nxd5. 26.b5 Nxd5
27.Nxd5 Qd8]

26.Nxd5±

(Diagram)

e4!↑ Black has some pressure. 27.Qd4



Re8 0.07/22

[27...Nc7± -0.65/21 28.Nb6 Nb5]

28.Ne3? -2.16/24

[28.g4= 0.07/22 Bxd5 29.Qxd5+ Kh8 30.Rc1]

28...Nc7+ 29.Kf1? -4.15/24

[29.Bc3 -2.08/23 was necessary. Ba2 30.Ra1]

29...Nb5 30.Qb2 Ra2 31.Qc1 Nd4

32.Kg2 Nf3 -1.60/24

[32...Nxf5? 33.Rb2-+]

[32...Nb3? 33.Rxb3 Bxb3 34.Qc3±]

[32...Rc8-+ -3.88/23 is more deadly. 33.Qd1 Nf3 (33...Nxf5? 34.Ra1-+)]

33.Bc3 d5 34.Rd1 -1.88/22

[34.Ra1± -1.46/22 is a better defense. d4 35.Rd1]

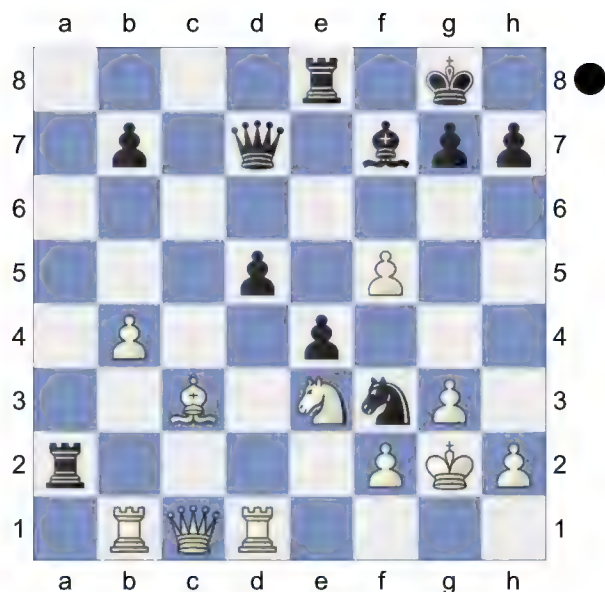
(Diagram)

34...d4 -0.68/20

[Black should try 34...h5!-+ -1.88/22
White must now prevent ...h4. 35.Rb2
Ra6 (35...d4 36.Bxd4 Rc8
37.Bc3±)]

35.Bxd4± Nxd4 36.Qc3? -2.64/23

[36.Ra1± -0.77/20 only move. Re2



37.Qc3]

36...Rd8-+ 37.f6? -4.05/21

[37.Ra1 -2.33/22]

37...gxf6 38.b5



Ra4 39.Nc2 -5.10/20

[Δ39.Qc5 -3.56/19]

39...Rc4 40.Qe3 -7.27/18

[Δ40.Qxd4 -4.83/20 Rxd4
(40...Qxd4? 41.Nxd4 Rdx4
42.Rxd4-+) 41.Rxd4 Qxd4 42.Nxd4
Rxd4 43.b6]

40...Rxc2 41.Rb4 Qf5 42.Rbxd4 Rxd4

43.Rxd4 Kg7 44.Rd6 Qc5 45.Qf4

e3?? 6.15/19

[45...Qxb5? too greedy. 46.Qxf6+
(46.Qxe4? is the wrong capture.
Rc1+-) 46...Kg8 47.Rd8+-]
[45...Rxf2+-+ -10.09/20 46.Qxf2
Qxd6]

46.Qxf6+- Kg8 47.Rd8+ Qf8

48.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Endgame. KQ-KRB

49.Qd6+ Kg8 50.Qe5? 2.09/19

[50.Qb8+ 6.03/18 Kg7 51.Qe5+
(51.Qxb7 e2+-) 51...Kf8 52.Qxe3
Bd5+ 53.Kg1]

50...Rxf2+? 4.80/27

[50...e2 2.09/19 51.g4 Rb2]

51.Kg1 Re2 52.b6 Re1+ 2.38/5

[52...Rd2 4.79/21 53.Qxe3 Rd1+
54.Kf2 Rd7]

53.Kg2 e2 6.79/23

[53...Rd1 4.63/20 54.Qg5+
(54.Qxe3 Rd7+-) 54...Bg6]

54.Kf2 White wants to mate with Qb8+.

54...Rb1 55.Kxe2 0.19/17

[55.Qg5+- 5.40/30 Kh8 56.Kxe2]

55...Rxb6= And now ...Re6 would win.

56.Qg5+ Rg6 57.Qe5 -9.46/20

[57.Qd8+= 0.12/20 Kg7 58.Qd4+
Kg8 59.Qd8+ Kg7 60.Qd7]

57...Re6+- Black is clearly winning.

58.Qxe6 Bxe6 KB-KPP 59.Ke3 Bd5

60.Kd4 Bc6 61.Kc5 Kf7 62.Kd6 Kg6

63.g4 Kg5 Black used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/
Black=0.69

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□ Richter, Michael

A50

2501

■ Bologan, Viktor

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Titled Arena Mar 6th blitz

06.03.2021

[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:

Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4
5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7
8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2
Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1
a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3
Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4
0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A
(2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5
(5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+
Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2
Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B:
3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4
6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8
9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4
12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4
f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005)
5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4
8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3
Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qe7 0.33/21

[7...Bxd2+= -0.19/24 8.Nxd2 Qe7]

8.Nc3± White is slightly better. 8...e5

9.e4 0-0 10.h3 h6 1.03/21

[10...d6± 0.43/21]

11.g4± Nh7 12.0-0-0 Black is weak on
the light squares 12...Qh4 13.Bd3 d6

14.Nb5 0.03/23

[14.Kb1± 1.00/22]

14...Bxd2+= 15.Rxd2 -0.19/23

[15.Kxd2 0.19/23 a6 16.Nc3
(16.Nxc7 Rb8±)]

15...Qd8 0.65/23

[15...Bd7= -0.19/23]

16.h4 a6 17.Nc3 Qf6 18.Qxf6 0.37/21

[18.Qg3± 0.94/19]

18...Nxf6± 19.f3 g5 0.95/23

[19...Bd7± 0.36/22]

20.h5 0.43/27

[White should play 20.a4± 0.95/23]

20...Rd8 21.Bc2 a5 22.Ba4 Nd7

23.Nb5 Nc5 24.Nxc7 Rb8 25.Bc2

0.24/25

[White should try 25.Bb5± 1.00/22]

25...b6 1.26/25

[25...Bd7!= 0.24/25]

26.Nb5± Ba6 27.Na3 b5 28.cxb5

Bxb5 29.Nxb5 0.54/20

[29.Kb1± 1.29/23]

29...Rxb5± 30.Re1 Rdb8 31.b3 Kf8

0.80/27

[31...a4± 0.31/24 was preferable.]

32.Re3 Ke7 33.Rc3 Rb4 34.Rc4

0.00/37

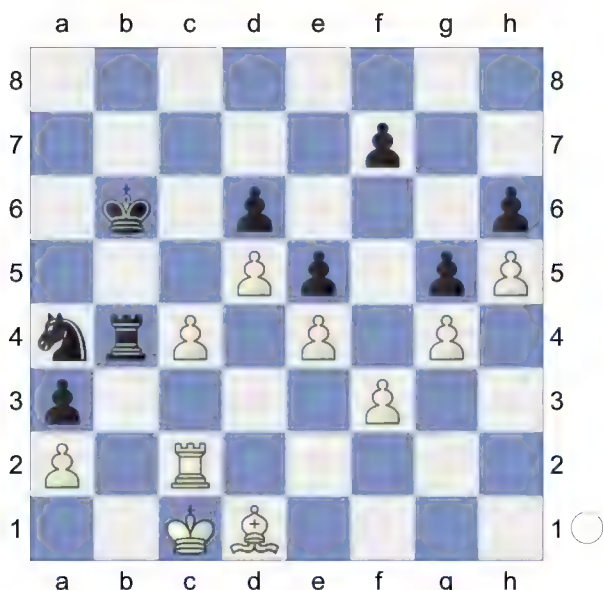
[34.Kd1± 0.60/23]

34...Rxc4= 35.bxc4 Endgame. KRB-

KRN 35...Rb4 36.Bd3 a4 37.Be2 a3

38.Rc2 Na4 39.Kd2 Kd7 40.Kc1 Kc7

41.Bd1 Kb6



Strongly threatening ...Kc5. 42.f4?

-4.88/23 exf4-+ Threatens to win with ...Kc5. Black is clearly winning.

[42...gxf4 43.g5 Kc5 (43...hgxg5 44.h6+) 44.g6-+ (44.gxh6 Rb8+)]

43.e5 dxe5 44.d6 Nc5 45.Rd2 Rxc4+

46.Bc2 Kc6 aiming for ...Rd4. 47.Kd1

Rd4 48.Rxd4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/

Black=0.19 (very precise)

0-1

E10

□ Kashlinskaya, Alina

2494

■ Karthikeyan, Murali

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Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Oct blitz (8)

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav,

V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4

21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3

Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8

26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1

Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7

31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 a5

8.h3 0-0 9.Be3 Re8 White is better.

10.0-0 0.53/21

[10.Qc2± 0.93/20]

10...e5!± 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 -0.07/20

[12.Re1± 0.46/21]

12...exd4= 13.Bxd4 Qc2 is the strong

threat. 13...Nxe4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7

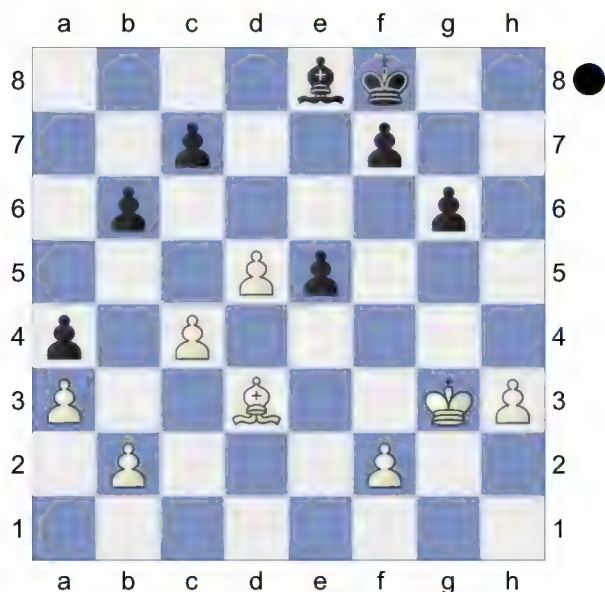
15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Re1
Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Qf6 19.Qe2 Bd7
20.Qd2 a4 -0.04/25

[20...Re8♞ -0.49/24 is superior.]

21.Re1 h5 22.Re2 h4 23.Qe1 b6
24.Re7 Rd8 25.Qe2 Kf8 26.Re3 Re8
27.Rxe8+ Bxe8♞ Endgame. KQB-KQB
28.Kh2 Qe5+ 29.Qxe5 dxe5 KB-KB
30.g3 hxg3+ -0.60/31

[Black should play 30...g5♞ -1.06/31]

31.Kxg3



Ke7! 32.h4 -1.80/34

[32.f4♞ -0.97/25 Kd6 33.Kf3]

32...Kd6 -0.64/33

[32...f5-+ -1.80/34 Threatens to win
with ...Kd6. 33.Be2 Kd6]

33.Kf3 f5 aiming for ...e4+. 34.Ke3

(Diagram)

e4 -0.12/31

[34...Kc5!♞ -1.00/29]

35.Be2= Ke5 White must now prevent ...
f4+. 36.f4+ exf3 37.Bxf3 f4+ 38.Kd3?
-3.46/31 Now White is beyond hope.

[White must play 38.Kf2!♞ -0.62/27]

38...Bd7-+ And now ...Bf5+ would win.

39.c5? -7.40/23



[39.Bd1 -2.88/26]

39...Bb5+ Black is clearly winning.

40.Kc3 bxc5 41.b3 axb3 42.Kxb3

Kd4 Hoping for ...Bc4+. 43.a4 c4+

44.Ka3 Ba6 45.a5 c3 46.Kb3 Kd3

(-> ...c2) 47.h5 gxh5 Strongly
threatening ...c2. 48.Bxh5 Kd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/
Black=0.12 (very precise)

0-1

Wojtaszek,Radoslaw E33 2724

Dziuba,Marcin 2570

POL-chT 70th (3.1) 18.05.2014

[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,

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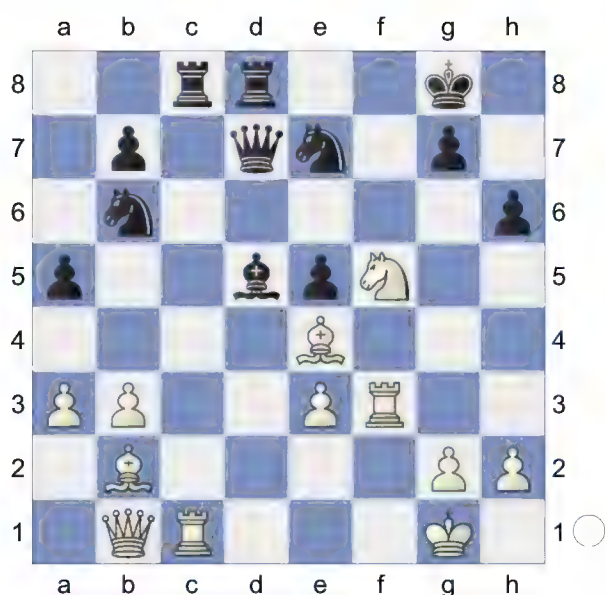
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4

21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 a5 10.b3 e5
11.d5 Nb8 12.Nd2 White is slightly
better. 12...c6 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.Bd3
Be6 15.0-0 h6 16.Rac1 d5 17.cxd5
Nxd5 18.Bb2 This pair of bishops is
nice. 18...Rac8 19.Qb1 Nb6 20.f4
And now f5 would win. 20...f6 21.Nf3!
Bf7 22.Nh4 Rfd8 23.Nf5 Qd7 1.12/22
[23...Qe6± 0.69/20]

24.Be4± White is more active. 24...Bd5?
2.70/24 A mistake that costs the game.
[24...Qe6± 1.11/20 might work
better.]

25.fxe5+- fxe5 26.Rf3 Ne7? 5.55/18
[26...Rf8 2.43/20 is tougher.
27.Nxh6+ gxh6 28.Bxd5+ (28.Rg3+
Kh8±) 28...Nxd5]



27.Nxh6+! gxh6
[27...Kh8 28.Rcf1]

28.Rg3+ 4.47/23

[Δ28.Bh7+ #2/17 Kh8 29.Bxe5#]

28...Kf8 Hoping for ...Rxc1+. 29.Rf1+
[29.Bxe5? Rxc1+ 30.Qxc1 Bxe4+-]

29...Ke8 30.Bg6+

[30.Bxe5? Qe6 31.Bxd5 Nbx5+-
(31...Rxd5 32.Bf4±)]

30...Nxg6 31.Qxg6+ Bf7 32.Qxb6
1.99/18

[Δ32.Qh7 4.57/19 Qh8+ would kill
now. Qd5 33.Rg7 (33.Qxh6 Rc2±)]

32...Rc2? 4.86/18

[32...Rc6 1.99/18 was necessary.
33.Qxa5 Qd5 34.Qxd5 Rxd5]



33.Qxh6 White is clearly winning.

[33.Bxe5 Qc6 34.Qxc6+ (34.Qxa5
Rc5=) 34...Rxc6±]

33...Qe6 7.20/18

[Δ33...Qd5 4.54/17 34.Ba1 (34.Rg7
Rxb2 35.Qh8+ Deflection Kd7+-)
34...a4 35.bxa4 (35.Rg7 axb3
36.Qh3 Bg8+-) 35...Rd6 36.Qh8+
Kd7]

34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qh4+ Ke8 36.Rg7
Rdd2 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bxe5

[Stronger than 38.Qb8 Rxd2+
39.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 40.Kxd2 Qg4+]

41.Kf2 Qf5+ 42.Kg3 Qg6+ 43.Kf2
Qf5+ 44.Kg3 Qg6+ 45.Kf2 Qf5+=]
38...Rxc2+ 39.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 40.Kxc2
Qg4+ 41.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/
Black=0.63
1-0

E33
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Titled Tuesday intern op 29th Nov Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3
[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
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2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxc7 Nxc7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3
d6 8.g3 0.00/21

[8.Bg5± 0.57/23]

8...e5= 9.Bg2 e4 10.Nd2 Re8 0.49/24
[Better is 10...d5!± -0.48/21]

11.Nf1 0.05/25
[11.d5± 0.49/24 Ne7 12.0-0
(12.Nxe4 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nxe4=;
12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxd5=)]

11...h6 12.Ne3 -0.49/22
[12.d5!= 0.16/22 Ne5 13.Ne3]

12...Ne7 0.42/21
[12...d5± -0.49/22]

13.d5!± Ng6 0.70/20
[13...a5 0.31/25]

14.b4 0.30/22
[14.b3± 0.70/20]

14...Bd7 0.72/24
[14...Nh5= 0.30/22 should be
considered.]

15.Bb2± b6 16.h4 a5 17.0-0 -0.22/20
[17.c5± 0.40/22]

17...Ne5 0.51/24
[17...Nh5!= -0.22/20]

18.Qd4± Bg4 19.Rfe1
[19.Bxe4? Bxe2 20.Bh1 Bxf1
21.Rxf1 axb4 22.axb4 Qe7-+]

19...Qd7 20.c5
[20.Bxe4? Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Nf3+
22.exf3 Rxe4 23.fxe4 Bf3-+]

20...axb4 21.axb4
[21.c6 Qc8]



aiming for cxd6. **21...bxc5 22.bxc5**
Threatens to win with Rxa8. **22...Qb5**
23.cxd6 And now Rxa8 would win.

[23.Bxe4? dxc5 (23...Bxe2
24.Bg2±) 24.Qd2 Rxa1-+
(24...Nxe4? 25.Qc2-+; 24...Nxe4?]

25.Qc2-+)]
 [23.Rab1 is interesting. Qxc5
 24.Qxc5 dxc5 25.Bc3]
23...cxd6 24.Nxg4
 [24.Bxe4 Rab8 25.Bc3 Nxe4
 26.Qxe4 Nf3+ (26...Bxe2 27.Bxe5
 Rxe5 28.Qf4=) 27.exf3 Rxe4 28.fxe4
 Bf3-+]
24...Nexg4 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.Bxe4
Ra4 27.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.
27...Rxd4 28.Bxb5 Rb4 Black has
 counterplay **29.Bxf6 Nxf6=** Endgame.
 KRB-KRN **30.Bc6 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5**
32.f3 g4 33.Kf2 Kg7 34.Ra1 Nh7
35.Ra7 Nf6 36.Ra8 Rb2 37.Rd8 gxf3
38.Kxf3
 [38.Rxd6? Ne4+ (38...fxe2?
 39.Rxf6 Kxf6 40.d6-+; 38...Rxe2+
 39.Kxf3 Rd2 40.g4=) 39.Kxf3
 Nxd6-+]
38...Rb3+ 39.Kg2 Ne4 40.g4 Rg3+
41.Kh2 Rxg4 42.Bd7 Rg5 43.Bc8 Kf6
 [43...Rxd5 44.Bb7 Re5 45.Bc6 $\bar{+}$]
44.Bb7 Ke5 45.Re8+ -0.55/26
 [45.e3= -0.14/24 Nf6 46.Kh3]
45...Kf4 46.Rf8 f5 47.Bc8 Ng3
48.Rf6? -6.89/26
 [48.Re8 $\bar{+}$ -0.41/22]
48...Ne4? -0.05/26
 [48...Nxe2-+ -6.89/26 49.Bxf5 Rxf5
 50.Rxd6 Kf3]
49.Rf8 -0.41/25
 [49.e3+= -0.05/26 is superior. Ke5
 (49...Kxe3 50.Rxf5 Kd4 51.Rf8=)
 50.Re6+ Kxd5 51.Re7]
49...Ke5 50.e3 Nf6
 [50...Kxd5 51.Bxf5 Nc5 52.Kh3]
51.Be6? -5.32/24
 [51.Kh3!= -0.10/23]
51...Ng4+ -2.53/19
 [Δ 51...Nxd5 -5.32/24 52.Bxd5 Kxd5]
52.Kh3? -5.95/22
 [52.Kg3 -2.53/19 nothing else works.

Nxe3+ Discovered Attack (Check)
 53.Kf3]
52...Nxe3-+



Hoping for ...Kf4! **53.Kh4 Rg1 54.Kh3**
f4

[54...Nxd5 55.Bxd5 Kxd5 56.Rxf5+
 Ke4 57.Rf8]
55.Bd7 Rg3+ -6.29/24
 [Δ 55...Rh1# -#1/17]
56.Kh4 Black is clearly winning.
56...Ng2+
 [56...Nxd5 57.Re8+ Kd4 58.Rf8 $\bar{+}$]
57.Kh5 f3 58.Bg4 Ke4
 [And not 58...Kxd5 59.Rxf3 Rxf3
 60.Bxf3+ Ke5 61.Bxg2=]
59.Re8+ Kxd5 60.Rf8 Ke4 61.Re8+
Kf4 62.Rf8+ Ke3 ...Nf4+ is the strong
threat. 63.Rf6 f2? -0.12/19
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/
 Black=0.44. Loss on time!?
 [63...d5-+ -7.89/22 64.Re6+ Kf2
 (64...Kf4? 65.Rf6+ Ke3 66.Rf8-+)]
0-1

□ Jaracz, Pawel

■ Van Foreest, Jorden

Leon blitz op 33rd (5)

[Kitty Kat]

E62

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14.07.2020

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ...a6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6

[3...e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15)]

4.g3N

[4.d5 Ne5 5.Nxe5 dxe5 6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.Be3 exd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.dxc6 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 bxc6 14.f3 Be6 15.Rac1 a5 16.b3 Rfd8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Na4 Ne8 1-0 (49) Cirrincione,G-2.c3 e6 3. ♘f3 Espana 55/4 1992 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Na4 Bb7 21.Kf2 f6 22.Bc5 Kf8 23.Bxe7+ Kxe7 24.Ke3 Nd6 25.Nb6 Rb8 26.Rc5 Ba8 27.Rxa5 Rxb6 28.Rxa8 Rb7 29.Bd3 Kd7 30.Kd2 Kc7 31.Kc3 Rb8 32.Ra7+ Rb7 33.Ra5 Kb6 1-0 (49) Cirrincione,G-2.c3 e6 3. ♘f3 Espana 55/4 1992 34.Ra6+ Kc7 35.b4 Nc8 36.a4 Ra7 37.Rxa7+ Nxa7 38.b5 cxb5 39.Bxb5 Nc8 40.Kc4 Kd6 41.Ba6 Na7 42.Bb7 Kc7 43.Ba8 Kd6 44.h4 g6 45.a5 Nc8 46.Bb7 Ne7 47.a6 Kc7 48.Kc5 g5 0-1 Bozkurt,I (2393)-Brattain,M (24 M (2452) USCL 2015]

4...Bf5 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nh4 Bd7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.h3 Qc8 10.Kh2

-1.08/21

[10.g4± 0.40/19 was forced to keep a grip.]



10...e5? 0.43/21

[10...Nxd4!± -1.08/21 11.e3 (11.Qxd4 Ng4+±) 11...Ne6]

11.d5± Ne7 White is slightly better.

12.e4 Ne8 13.Be3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5

15.f4 e4 16.Bd4 -0.09/21

[16.Rg1± 0.40/19 might be stronger.]

16...Nf6 0.31/21

[16...Ng6= -0.09/21]

17.Rg1 c5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.c5 -0.21/19

[19.Qd2± 0.43/21]

19...d5= 20.Bf1 Ng6 0.36/20

[Black should try 20...Ne8= -0.28/21]

21.Ng2 -0.41/21

[White should play 21.b4!± 0.36/20]

21...Be6 0.96/21

[21...a5± -0.41/21]

22.Ne3 0.12/20

[22.b4± 0.96/21]

22...Qc7 23.Qd2 Rab8 0.49/20

[23...h5= 0.11/19]

24.Rb1 h5 25.h4? -2.61/20

[25.Ng2!± 0.48/19]

25...Rb4? 0.49/23

[25...Ng4+ 26.Nxg4 fxc4 (26...hxc4 27.Ne2=) 27.Ne2#]

[25...Nxf4+- -2.61/20 aiming for ... Ng6. 26.b4 (26.gxf4? Qxf4+ 27.Kh1 Qxh4+ 28.Qh2 Qxh2+ Remove Defender 29.Kxh2 Ng4+ Discovered Attack 30.Nxg4 Bxd4+-) 26...Ng6]

26.Ne2± a5 27.Bh3 Rfb8 1.01/20

[27...Ng4+± 0.57/21 28.Bxc4 fxc4]

28.Qc3 0.47/23

[28.Bxf5?! Bxf5 29.Nxf5 Qd7 30.Nxg7 Qxg7=]

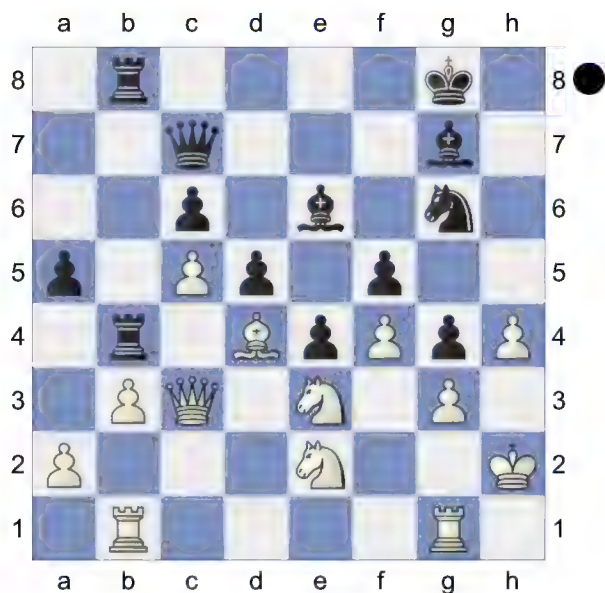
[28.b3± 1.01/20]

28...Ng4+ 29.Bxc4 hxc4 0.57/21

[29...fxg4= 0.21/21 30.Nc2 (30.f5 Nxh4 31.Bxc7 Nf3+ 32.Kg2 Qxg7+-) 30...Rc4]

30.b3 -0.31/28

[30.Kg2± 0.57/21]



30...Nxh4! 31.gxh4 Rxd4 Deflection

32.Nxd4 A dynamic duo of knights.

32...Qxf4+ 33.Kh1 Nxg4! is the strong threat. **33...g3 4.14/23**

[33...Rf8= -0.25/20 and Black is okay.]

**34.Rg2?? -5.18/21**

[34.Nxe6? Qxh4+ (34...Bxc3? 35.Nxf4 Bd2 36.Rxc3+ Kf7 37.Rd1+-) 35.Kg2 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qf2#]

[34.Nexf5!+- 4.14/23 was the only winning move. Bxf5 35.Qxg3 (35.Rxc3 Rb7+-) 35...Qxg3 36.Rxc3]

34...Qxh4+-+ 35.Kg1 f4 36.Qd2 Bd7

[Much less strong is 36...fxe3 37.Qxe3 Bxd4 38.Qxd4]

37.Nef5? -7.15/21

[37.Ndf5 -3.26/20 fxe3 38.Qxd5+ cxd5 39.Nxh4]

37...Bxd4+ 38.Nxd4 Kg7? -2.32/25

[38...f3 -5.88/19 39.Rh2 gxh2+ (39...Qxh2+? 40.Qxh2 gxh2+ 41.Kxh2+-) 40.Qxh2 Qg4+ 41.Kh1 Rf8]

39.Rf1? -9.29/24

[39.Qxa5? is the wrong capture. Rh8+-]

[39.Qc3 -2.32/25 Kf7 40.Ne2]

39...Rh8 Black is clearly winning. 40.Rh2

Qxh2+ 41.Qxh2 gxh2+ 42.Kh1 f3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/

Black=0.84

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E11
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Orlov,Georgi **2460**
 Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jun Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bb7 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Nc3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Rc1 d6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.d5 Nb8 13.Nd2 a5 14.a3 -0.09/23

[14.c5± 0.48/20]

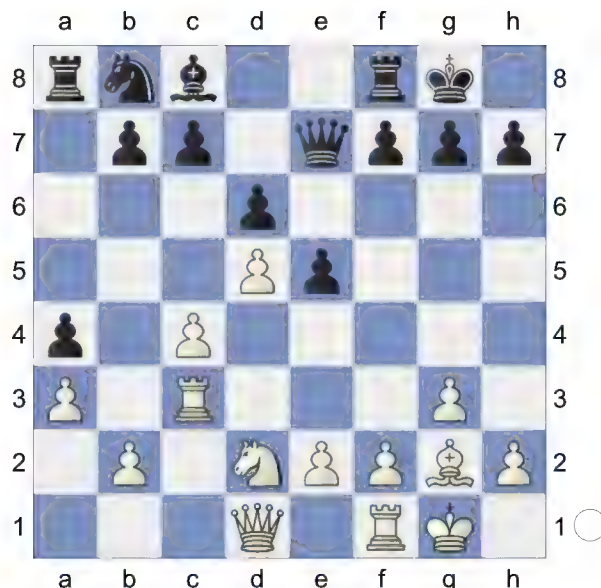
14...a4

(Diagram)

15.c5! Nd7 16.cxd6 The position is equal. **16...cxd6 17.Rc4 -0.24/24**

[17.Qc2 0.25/20
 is more appropriate.]

17...Nc5 18.Ne4! aiming for Nxc5.



18...Nb3 19.Rb4 f5 20.Nd2 -0.50/21

[20.Nc3= 0.16/27 Bd7 21.Rxb7]

20...Nc5 21.Nc4 Ra6 22.Qd2 f4

23.Qc3 Bg4 24.Re1 Qf6 0.75/23

[24...h6 0.52/20 keeps the upper hand.]

25.gxf4± Qxf4 1.45/23

[25...exf4 0.90/19 26.Qxf6 Rxf6]



26.Qg3? -0.10/25

[26.f3!± 1.45/23 Nxd6 is the strong threat. Bd7 27.Nxd6]

26...Bd7= 27.Qxf4 Rxf4 28.Rc1 Nb3!

29.Rc3 b5 30.Ne3 Nd4 0.24/27
Prevents Rc6.

[Δ 30...Ra7 -0.24/20]

31.Kf1 Ra8 32.Rc7 Be8 0.37/28

[32...Raf8= -0.05/24 33.Rxd7 Rxf2+
34.Kg1 Rxe2]

33.Ke1 0.01/24

[33.Nd1!± 0.37/28 was preferable.
Nb3 34.Ke1]

33...Bh5 34.f3 Bf7 35.Kf2 g5 0.65/24

[35...Rf8= 0.00/25]

36.Bh3 0.00/27

[36.Ng4!± 0.65/24 Bxd5 37.e3]

36...h5 37.Be6 Nxe6 38.dxe6 Bxe6

[Not 38...Rxb4? 39.exf7+ Kg7
40.axb4+-]

39.Rxf4 -0.57/26

[39.Rxb5= 0.00/24 g4 40.Re7]

39...gxf4 Endgame. KRB-KRN 40.Nc2
-2.94/22 Now White is beyond hope.

[White must play 40.Nd1!± -0.53/23]

40...Rc8+ 41.Rxc8+ Bxc8 KB-KN

42.Nb4 Be6 43.e3? -5.51/36

[43.Ke1 -3.18/30]

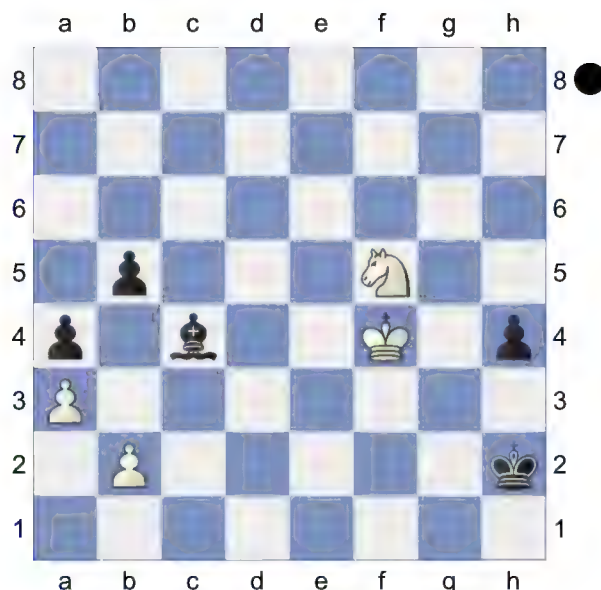
43...fxe3+ 44.Kxe3 Kf7 45.Nd3 Ke7
46.f4 Kf6 47.fxe5+ dxe5 48.Nf2 Bd5
49.Nd1 Bc4 50.Nc3 Kf5 White must
now prevent ...Kg4. 51.Ne4 Kg4
Strongly threatening ...Kh3. 52.Nf6+?
-6.24/34

[52.Nf2+ -2.97/29 Kf5 53.Nh3]

52...Kh4 Black is clearly winning. 53.Ke4
Bf7 54.Kxe5 Kh3 55.Ne4 Kxh2
56.Nd6 Bc4 Threatens to win with ...h4.
57.Kf4 h4 58.Nf5

(Diagram)

h3! Hoping for ...Kg1. 59.Kf3 Kg1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/
Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1



E04
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2538
Ayvalik Lemon (1) 04.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3
d5N

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3
d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8
13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 19.Ne2 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D
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20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4
Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6
Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2
30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5
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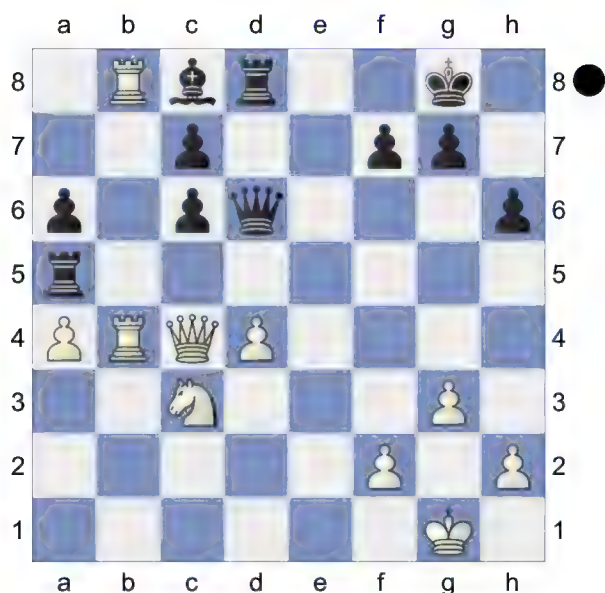
5.Bg2 dxc4 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5

8.Bxb4 Ndx b4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Nc3 a6
11.Ne5 0-0! 12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Bxc6
bxc6 White has an edge. 14.Qxc4 Qd6
15.e3 Rxb2 16.Rab1 Rb6 17.Na4
Rb5 18.Nc3 Ra5 19.Rb8 e5 20.Rfb1
exd4 21.exd4 h6 22.a4 Rd8 -0.08/23

[22...Rf5 -0.79/22]

23.R1b4? -2.17/18

[23.Qb4! = -0.08/23 Qxb4 24.R1xb4]



23...c5+ 24.dxc5 -4.35/21

[24.Ne4 -2.23/20 was the only
chance. Qxd4 25.Qxd4 cxd4
26.Rc4]

24...Rxc5 25.Qb3 Qe5 26.Ne4 Rcd5
27.Qf3 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Hoping for Rxc8!
28...Qa1 29.h4 Rh1 30.Qe2

(Diagram)

h5! 31.Ng5 Wards off Bh3+

[31.Rxc8 Rxc8]

31...Rf8? -0.64/19

[31...Qg1+-+ -3.93/19 32.Kf3 Rh2
(32...Bg4+ 33.Kf4+; 32...c5?
33.Qd2+ Back Rank)]

32.Qxh5? -5.67/22

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/



Black=0.33

[32.Qc2! -0.64/19 Qg1+ 33.Kf3
Bg4+ 34.Kf4 Qc1+ (34...g6
35.Rxf8+ Remove Defender Kxf8
36.Rb8+) 35.Qxc1 Rxc1 36.Rxf8+
Kxf8 37.Ke3]

0-1

A50
☐ Fedoseev,Vladimir1111 **2671**
☒ Arnaudov,Petar G **2478**
 Titled Tuesday intern op 6th Aug blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4
5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7
8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2
Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1
a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3
Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4
0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A
(2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5

(5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.Qc2 e6 5.Nc3 exd5 6.cxd5 Bb4 7.a3 -0.43/23
 [Better is 7.Nf3= 0.19/21 Nxf3+ 8.gxf3]

7...Ba5 0.34/24
 [7...Bxc3+ ♖ -0.43/23 8.Qxc3 d6]

8.b4 White is slightly better. **8...Bb6**
9.Bf4 -0.16/23
 [9.Nf3± 0.42/21 d6 (9...Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 0-0 11.Bb2±) 10.e3]

9...Ng6 0.25/24
 [9...d6 -0.16/23 feels stronger.]

10.Bg3= d6 11.e3 0-0 12.Nf3 a5 13.b5 a4 14.Bc4 0.04/20
 [14.Nxa4 Ba5+ 15.Kd1 Re8 ♗ (15...Nxd5 16.Bc4 ♗)]
 [14.Bd3± 0.42/22]

14...Ba5 0.43/24
 [14...Nd7!= 0.04/20]

15.0-0
 [15.Qxa4? Bxc3+ 16.Ke2 Rxa4-+]

15...Re8 16.Nxa4
 [16.Qxa4 h5 17.Qc2 h4 ♗]

16...Ne4 17.Bd3 Nf6 18.Qc4 0.60/19
 White is more active.
 [18.Nb2± 1.32/21]

18...Bd7 1.09/22
 [18...Bg4± 0.60/19 was preferable.]

19.Rfc1± Qe7 20.Nc3 Ng4 21.Qb3 N4e5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Be2 Qf6 1.17/21
 [♠23...h5 0.75/20]

24.Na2 0.48/22

[White should try 24.Na4± 1.17/21]

24...g6 25.Nb4 h5 26.h4 0.39/20

[26.Bxe5± 0.84/20 Qxe5 27.Nd3]

26...Bg4± 27.Bxg4 -0.20/22

[27.Bf1 0.24/21 is superior.]

27...Nxb4= 28.Rab1 Bb6 29.Qc3 -1.05/23

[29.Rc3 ♗ -0.31/22]

29...Kg7 -0.39/24

[29...Ra5 ♗ -1.05/23 30.Na2 Qxc3

31.Nxc3 (31.Rxc3? Nf6-+)

31...Rxa3]

30.Qxf6+ Nxf6 31.Rb3 Ne4

Strongly threatening ...Nxb3. Black has compensation. **32.Bf4 -0.91/26**

[32.Kh2! ♗ -0.48/25]

32...Nc5 ♗ 33.Rbc3 Na4? 1.88/23

[33...Ra5 ♗ -0.97/25 34.g3 Rea8]

34.R3c2? -1.03/21

[34.Rxc7!+- 1.88/23 Nc5 35.Bxd6

Bxc7 36.Bxc7 (36.Bxc5 Rec8+-)]



34...Nc5

[34...Ra5 35.Rxc7 Nc5 36.Bxd6

Bxc7 37.Bxc5± (37.Bxc7 Rxb5

38.d6 Ra8=)]

35.Ra1 Ra4 36.Rb2 Rea8 37.f3

-1.44/26

[♖37.Kf1 -0.98/23]

37...Rxa3 -1.07/23

[Black should play 37...Rxb4 -1.44/26
38.Rxb4 Nd3]

38.Rxa3 -1.74/20

[38.Rba2+ -1.07/23 R3a4 39.Bg3]

38...Rxa3+ 39.Kf2 -2.24/21

[39.Kf1+ -1.48/21]

39...Nd3+? -0.13/19

[39...Ra5+ -2.24/21 40.Kf1 Ra1+
(40...Rxb5? 41.Nd3+) 41.Ke2 Rg1]

40.Nxd3= Rxd3 Endgame. KRB-KRB

41.Ke2! Rxd5 42.e4 Rc5 43.Kd3

-0.75/23 Repels Rc3+

[43.Be3= 0.00/27 remains equal. Re5
44.Bxb6 cxb6 45.Rd2]

43...Ba5 -0.03/22

[43...d5+ -0.75/23 44.Be3 dxe4+
45.fxe4 Re5]

44.Rb3! Be3 is the strong threat.

44...Bb6 45.Bd2 -0.42/27

[45.Be3= 0.00/24]

45...Kf8 0.00/28

[45...d5+ -0.42/27]

46.f4 aiming for Be3. 46...d5? 4.11/24

[46...f5= -0.13/29 47.Be3 fxe4+
48.Kxe4 d5+ 49.Kf3 Rc4 50.Bxb6
cxb6]

(Diagram)

47.Bb4!+- Pin 47...dxe4+? 7.95/29

[47...Kg7 3.67/26]

48.Kxe4? 2.88/32

[48.Kd4 7.95/29]

48...Kg7

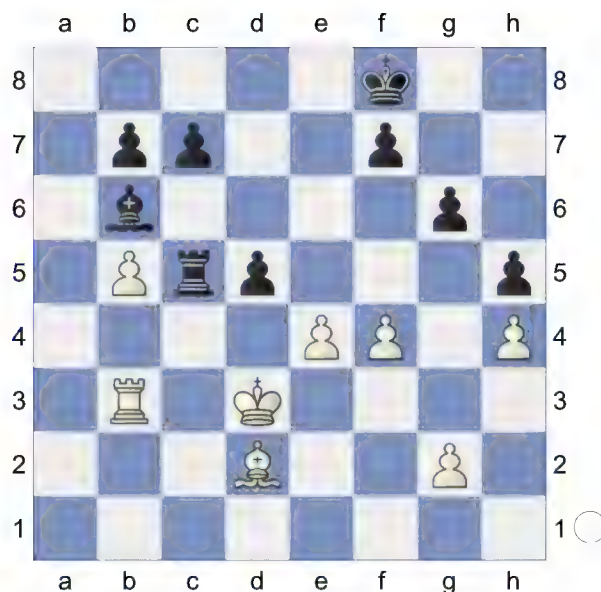
[Avoid the trap 48...f5+? 49.Kd4+-]

49.Bxc5 Bxc5 KR-KB 50.Rc3 b6

6.46/28

[50...Bd6 2.25/22 51.Rc4 Kf8]

51.Kd5 Bd6 52.Ke4 Kf6 53.Rf3 Ke6



54.f5+ Kf6 55.fxg6+ Kxg6 56.Rc3 f5+

57.Kd5 Kf6 58.Rf3 f4 59.Ke4 Be5

60.Rxf4+ Bxf4 61.Kxf4 K3P-K3P

61...Ke6 62.g4

[Stronger than 62.Kg5 c6 63.bxc6
(63.Kxh5 cxb5 64.g4 b4 65.g5 b3
66.Kh6 b2 67.g6 b1Q 68.g7 Qc1+
69.Kh7 Qc7 70.h5 Kf6 71.h6 Kg5
72.Kh8 Kxh6 73.g8N+ Kg6)
63...b5=]

62...hxg4 63.Kxg4 KPP-KPP 63...Kf6

64.Kf4 Kg6 65.Ke5 White wants to

mate with Ke4. 65...Kh5 66.Kd5

Kc6 would kill now. 66...Kxh4 67.Kc6

White mates. 67...Kg5 68.Kxc7 Kf6

69.Kxb6 Ke7 70.Kc7

Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/

Black=0.59

1-0

□ **Khairullin, Ildar** **A50**
2649
 ■ **Tregubov, Pavel V** **2571**
 RUS-chT rapid (2.4) 08.05.2015
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Qe2 -0.21/23

[7.Na4± 0.66/21 Bb4+ 8.Kf1]
 7...d6= 8.g3 c6 9.h4 Black has an edge. 9...h6 10.Be3 Qb6 0.26/20

[10...Bd4± -0.55/20]

11.Bxc5 Qxc5 12.f3 a6 0.43/20

[12...b5= -0.03/21 13.Qf2 (13.cxb5 cxd5 14.exd5 Ne7=) 13...Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 bxc4 15.Bxc4 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Rb8]

13.Qf2± Qa5 14.Nge2 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5 16.0-0 b4 17.Nd1 Nd7 18.Ne3 Nc5 19.Nc4 0.31/23

[White should try 19.Bb1± 0.75/23]

19...Qd8 0.91/23

[Black should play 19...Qc7!± 0.31/23
 20.Qe3 a5]

20.Qe3 0.12/23

[20.Bb1± 0.91/23]

20...0-0= 21.Rac1 -0.45/24

[21.h5= 0.15/23 Ne7 22.Bc2 (22.Nxe5 Nxd5 23.Qd4 Ne7=)]

21...Nxd3 22.Qxd3 a5 23.Qe3 f5

24.Qb6 fxe4 25.Qxd8

[25.fxe4!? Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1=]

25...Rxd8 26.fxe4 Ba6 27.Rfe1 Nf8

28.Kf2 Nd7 next ...Nf6 is good for

Black. 29.Ke3 -1.33/22

[29.Nxa5? Rf8+ (29...Bxe2? 30.Nc6+) 30.Kg1 Bxe2 31.Rxe2 Rxa5+]

[29.Nxd6 Nf6 30.Nf5 (30.Rc6? Rxd6+ Remove Defender, Decoy)

30...Nxe4+ 31.Kf3 Nd2+ 32.Ke3 Nc4+ (32...Rxd5? 33.Ne7+ Kh8 34.Nxd5+-) 33.Kf3 Rf8+ (33...Nxb2 34.Rc7±)]

[29.g4!= -0.30/23]

29...Nf6± 30.Ng1 Bb5 -0.96/20

[Δ30...Ng4+ -1.50/23 31.Kd2 a4]

31.Nf3 Ra7 32.Nfd2 a4 Black is more active. 33.b3 Kf8 34.bxa4 -1.96/24

[34.Rc2± -0.93/24]

34...Rxa4+ 35.Rc2 Ke7! aiming for ... Rf8. 36.Rb1

(Diagram)

Rc8 -0.94/23

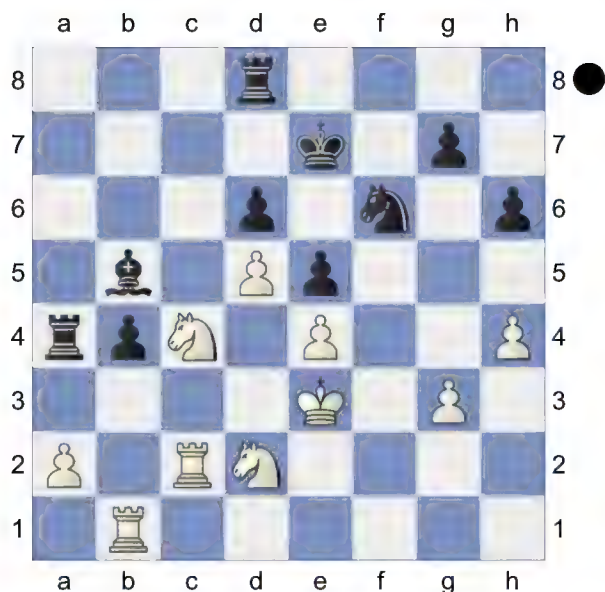
[36...Rf8!+- -1.81/24 Strongly threatening ...Ng4+. 37.Kd3 Ng4]

37.Rbb2? -2.49/25 White does not recover from this.

[37.Rb3± -0.94/23]

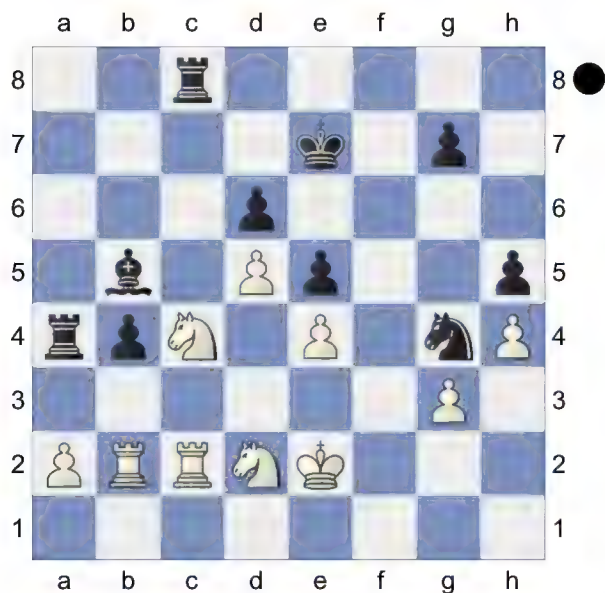
37...Ng4+ 38.Kf3 -3.54/24

[Δ38.Ke2 -2.06/23]



38...h5 39.Ke2

[39.Nxd6 Rc3+ (39...Ra3+ 40.Nb3=) 40.Rxc3 bxc3 41.Nf5+ Kd7 42.Rxb5 Rxa2+ (42...cxd2 43.Rb7+ Kd8 44.Ke2)]



39...Rf8! ...Rf2+ is the strong threat.

40.Ke1 Rf2 And now ...Rh2 would win.

41.Rb3? -5.94/22

[41.Nb3 -2.10/22]

41...Rh2 Threatens to win with ...Bxc4.

42.Kd1 Ra7 43.Kc1 Ba4 44.Nb6

Black must now prevent Nc8+. 44...Bxb3

Black is clearly winning. 45.axb3 Ra1+ 46.Kb2 Ra6 47.Ndc4 Rxc2+ 48.Kxc2 Nf2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.33

0-1

A50

White Pultinevicius,Paulius

2492

Black Sadhwani,Raunak

2555

Junior Speed Qual Global blitz (3.8)

[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.Nf3 Nxc4 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3

Threatens to win with e5. 6...d6 7.a4 a5

8.Be3

White has compensation. The position is equal. 8...c6? 2.55/21

[8...g6= 0.07/22 and Black is okay.]



9.Qb3!+- Nbd7 10.Rd1? 0.63/17

[10.Ng5+- 2.46/22]

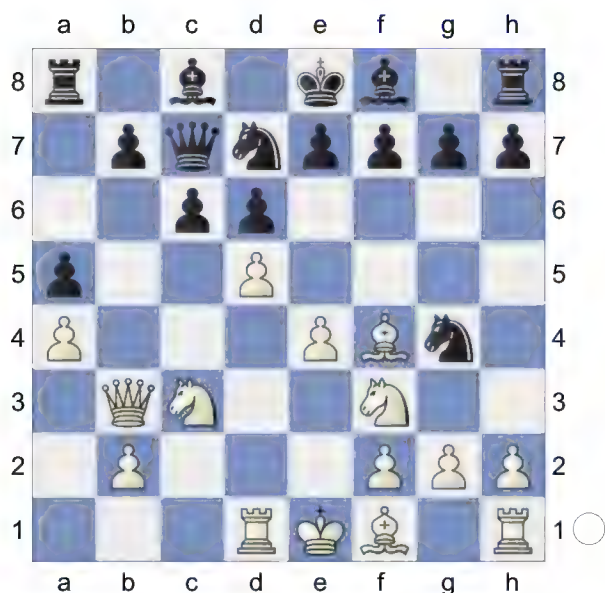
10...Ng4± Strongly threatening ...Nxe3.

11.Bf4 0.01/21

[11.Ng5!± 0.68/22 Nxe3 12.dxc6]

11...Qc7 1.45/19

[11...Qb6= 0.01/21 remains equal.
12.Qc2 h6]



12.dxc6? -1.00/19

[12.h3!± 1.45/19 stays on course.]

12...bxc6± 13.Bc4 e6 14.Bxe6

-2.00/25 Nc5→ Black has strong attack.

15.Bxc8 Nxb3 16.Bxg4 Be7 17.0-0

0-0 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.h4 Nc5 20.h5

Ne6 21.Bg3 Bf6 22.Rd3 Nc5 23.Rd2

Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rfe8 25.h6? -4.05/18

[25.Rd4 -2.42/18]

25...Nxe4

[Not 25...gxh6 26.Rd4-+]

26.Rde2 Nf6 And now ...Rxe2 would

win. 27.Bf5 Rxe2

[Don't take 27...gxh6 28.Rd2-+]

28.Rxe2 gxh6 29.Bh4 Re8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/

Black=0.35

0-1

A50

□ Pultinevicius,Paulius

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■ Sadhwani,Raunak

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Junior Speed Qual Global blitz (3.4)

[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian:
Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 Nc6 3.f3N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4

5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7

8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2

Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1

a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3

Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4

0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A

(2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5

(5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+

Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2

Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B:

3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4

6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8

9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4

12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4

f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005)
 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4
 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]
3...d5 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.e3 e5 6.Nc3
Bb4 7.Bd2 -0.63/23
 [7.a3= 0.12/23 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3]
7...Qd8 0.30/23 Black is more active.
 [7...Qe6 ̄ -0.63/23 8.dxe5 Qxe5
 (8...Nxe5 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bb5=)]
8.a3 -0.46/20
 [8.dxe5= 0.30/23 Nxe5 9.Qa4+ Nc6
 10.Bb5]
8...Be7 0.17/19
 [8...Ba5 ̄ -0.46/20 9.dxe5 Nxe5]
9.dxe5= Nxe5 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Rd1
-0.58/22
 [11.f4!± 0.37/20 Ned7 12.Nf3]
11...Bd7 12.e4 c6 -0.38/20
 [12...c5 ̄ -0.76/21]
13.Be3 ̄ Qc7 14.Nge2 Rad8 15.Ng3
-0.85/18
 [15.Nb5 ̄ -0.34/22 Qc8 (15...cxb5?
 16.Qxc7 Ng6 17.Qxb7+-) 16.Nbc3]
15...Rfe8 -0.28/20
 [15...h5 ̄ -0.85/18 16.Nge2 Bc8]
16.Be2!= h5 17.0-0 h4 18.Nh1 Ng6
 ...Bd6 would now be deadly. **19.f4 h3**
0.43/21
 [Black should play 19...Bd6 ̄ -0.33/21
 20.g3 (20.Bxa7? Bxf4 21.Nf2 b6-+;
 20.e5 Nxe5 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 ̄)
 20...Bh3]
20.e5? -1.22/22
 [20.g3± 0.43/21 keeps the upper
 hand.]
20...hxc2 ̄ 21.Kxc2 Ng4↑ White is
 under strong pressure. Really sharp!
22.Bg1 -4.92/21
 [22.Qc1 ̄ -1.11/17 nothing else
 works.]
22...Nh4+-+ 23.Kg3 Nf5+ 24.Kf3 Nh4+
25.Kg3 Nh6 -2.76/21

[Δ25...Nf5+ -4.63/18 26.Kf3 Nxe5+
 27.Kg2 Nh4+ 28.Kg3 Bf5]
26.Nd5 N4f5+
 [26...cxd5 27.Qxc7 N6f5+ 28.Kf2+-]
27.Kf3 -2.90/21
 [Δ27.Kg2 -2.01/20 Qc8 (27...cxd5?
 28.Qxc7 Nh4+ 29.Kf2+-) 28.Nxe7+
 Nxe7 29.Ng3]
27...Qc8 And now ...Nh4+ would win.
 [27...cxd5? 28.Qxc7 d4 29.Qxb7+-
 (29.Bxd4 Bc6+ 30.Kf2 Nxd4±)]
28.Nxe7+ Nxe7
 [28...Rxe7 29.Bxa7=]
29.Ng3 Bh3 30.Rfe1? -5.50/17
 [30.Rxd8 -2.40/17 Rxd8 31.Rd1]
30...Ng6 31.Be3 -4.36/18
 [31.Bxa7 -3.00/19 was called for.
 Bg4+ 32.Kf2]
31...Ng4 (-> ...Nh4+) 32.Bc4 Nh4+
 A dynamic duo of knights. **33.Ke2 Ng2**
 [Don't take 33...Nhx2 34.Rxd8 Qg4+
 (34...Qxd8 35.Rh1 ̄; 34...Rxd8?
 35.f5-+) 35.Kd2 Rxd8+ 36.Kc1 Qxg3
 37.Qf2 Qxf2 38.Bxf2]
34.Bc1 Nhx2 White must now prevent ...
 Qg4+. **35.Kf2 Qg4** Strongly threatening
 ...Qf3+. **36.Rxd8 -4.23/25**
 [36.Qb3 -3.02/20 was necessary.
 Nxe1 37.Bxf7+ Kh8 38.Rxe1]
36...Rxd8 37.Be2 Prevents Qf3+.
37...Qh4 -0.66/20
 [Black should try 37...Nxe1-+ -4.13/26
 38.Bxg4 Nxc2 39.Bxh3 Rd1]
38.Rh1 ̄ Ng4+ 39.Kf3? -5.80/19
 [39.Bxg4 ̄ -0.75/19 holds on. Qxg4
 40.Qe4]
39...Rd4 40.Qf5 -7.24/18
 [Δ40.Qc3 -4.11/18 c5 41.e6]

(Diagram)

40...Nh2+ -3.46/17 41.Rxh2-+ Ne1+?



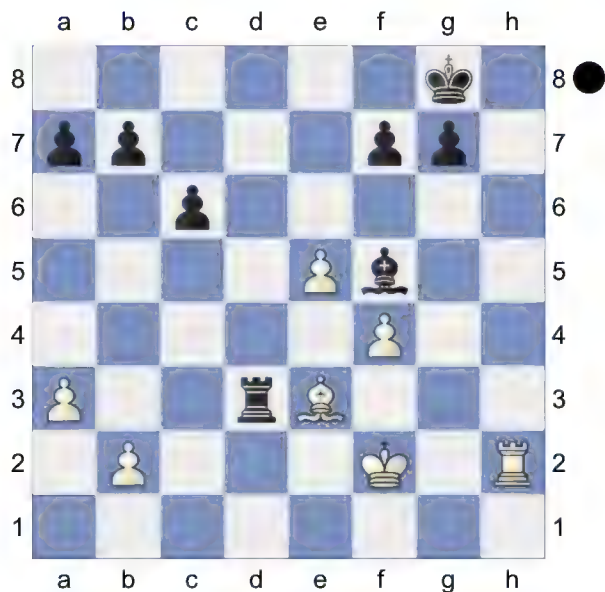
0.01/20

[41...Bxf5-+ -3.37/30 42.Rxh4 Nxh4+ 43.Ke3 Rd8]

42.Kf2= Qxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Bxf5 44.Kf2 -0.87/23

[44.Be3= 0.01/21 Rd5 45.Bxa7]

44...Nd3+! 45.Bxd3 Rxd3 Endgame. KRB-KRB 46.Be3



c5 -0.02/23 47.Kf3? -2.46/24

[47.Bxc5= -0.02/23 and White stays safe. a5 48.Ke1]

47...b6 48.Rd2 -2.34/31

[48.Kf2 -1.83/22]

48...Rxd2? -0.14/19

[48...Rb3!-+ -2.34/31 Hoping for ... Kf8. 49.Re2 Kf8]

49.Bxd2-+ KB-KB 49...Kf8 50.Ke3 Ke7

51.Bc3 Ke6 52.Kd2 -1.01/25

[52.Be1= -0.20/32]

52...Kd5! 53.Ke3 aiming for ...Ke4. 53.Ke3

Be6 54.Kf3 g6 55.Ke3 Bf5 -0.20/31

[55...Kc4 56.Ke2 Bg4+ 57.Kd2 Bf5]

56.Kf3 -1.01/42

[56.Be1= -0.20/31 keeps the balance.]

56...Kc4 57.Ke3 Be6 58.Ke4? -3.77/32

[58.Ke2 59.Ke3 b5]

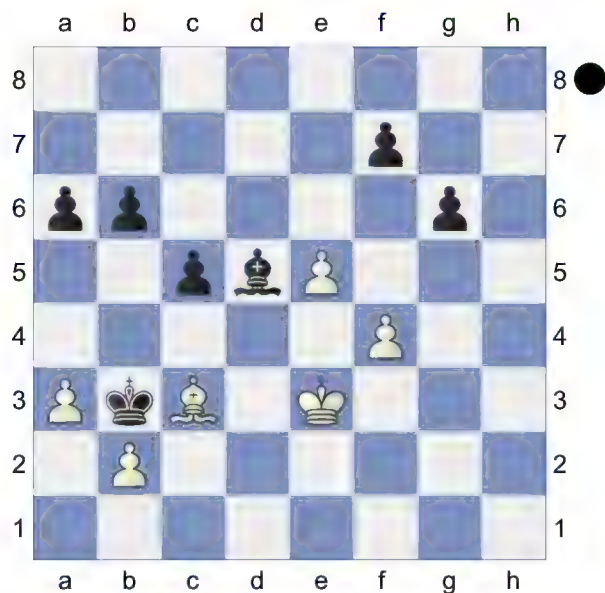
58...Bd5+? -1.01/5

[58...Bg4+ -3.77/32 and Black stays clearly on top. 59.Ke3 b5]

59.Ke3 a6 60.Be1? -5.64/32

[60.Ke2 61.Bc3]

60...Kb3!-+ 61.Bc3



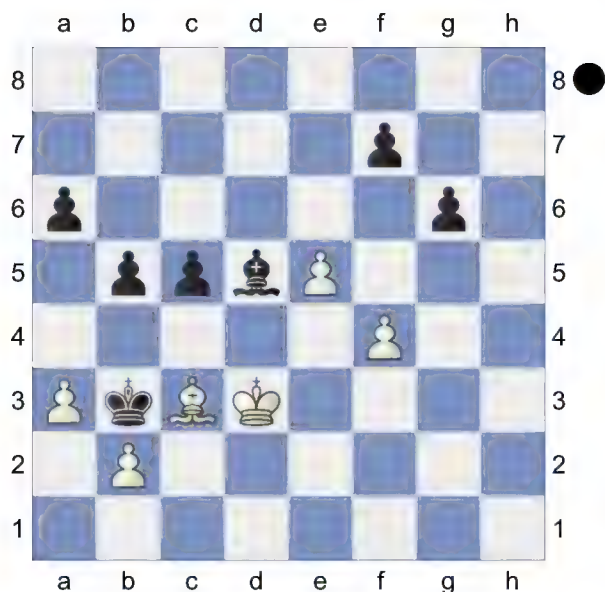
b5? -0.25/33

[Better is 61...Kc2!-+ -5.31/28 62.e6 Bxe6]

62.Kd3? -3.87/29

[62.Kd2= -0.25/33]

(Diagram)



62...Bc4+? -0.25/24

[62...a5!-+ -3.87/29 63.e6 c4+
(63...Bxe6? 64.Bg7-+; 63...fxe6?
64.Be5-+) 64.Kd2 Bxe6]

63.Ke4? -7.66/25

[63.Kd2= -0.25/24]

63...Kc2 Threatens to win with ...Be6.

64.Ke3 Bd5 65.Ke2 Kb3? -0.25/30

[65...a5-+ -6.59/19 66.e6 Bxe6]

66.Ke3? -7.62/24

[66.Kd2= -0.25/30]

66...b4 Black is clearly winning. 67.axb4
cxb4 68.Bd4 Kc2 69.Bc5 a5

[Less strong is 69...Kxb2 70.Bxb4
(70.Kd4 Ba2=) 70...Kb3 71.Ba5+]

70.Bd4 a4 71.Ke2 Be6 72.Bc5 Kxb2

73.Bxb4 a3 74.Kd2 a2 75.Bc3+ Kb1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/
Black=0.71

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RBI op Qualifier 2 blitz (9)

[Kitty Kat]

E33

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E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 a5 7.e3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 White is slightly better.
8...Qe7 9.Be2 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.0-0
Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nh4 Nf5 is the
strong threat. 13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 g6
Dodges Nf5 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Qc2 f5
0.19/23

[16...Nxc3 -0.23/25 17.Qxc3 Nd7]

17.Nd2

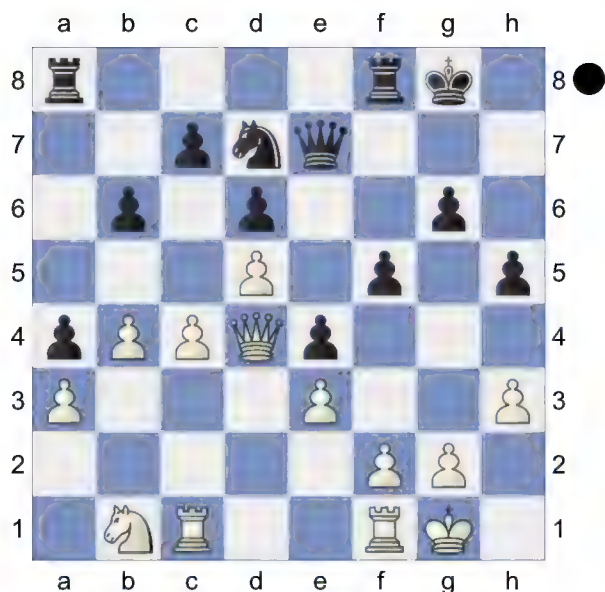
[17.c5!/?]

17...Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Nd7 19.b3 0-0
20.a3 e4 21.b4 a4 22.Rac1 b6
23.Qd4 h5 24.Nb1 -1.35/22

[24.f4= -0.11/23]

(Diagram)

24...g5!+ 25.Nc3 g4 26.Ne2 gxh3
27.Nf4? -4.08/22 Now White is beyond



hope.

[27.gxh3 -1.11/20 Kh7 28.Kh1]

27...hxg2+ ...Ne5 would now be deadly.

28.Kxg2 Ne5 -2.22/20

[28...Qg5+ -4.93/24 29.Kh2 Kf7]

29.Rh1 Nf3 30.Qb2 h4 31.Kf1 Qf6

Wards off Ne6 32.Qc2 -2.72/24

[32.Qxf6 -1.72/19 might work better.
Rxf6 33.Ke2]

32...Kf7 33.Ke2 Rg8 34.c5 -3.56/19

[34.Kf1 -2.15/18]

34...bxc5 35.bxc5 Rab8? -1.80/19

[35...Rg8 -4.83/22 36.Rb1
(36.cxd6? Rb2+ Pin) 36...dxc5
(36...Rxb1 37.Rxb1 Ra5 38.Rb7+)]

36.Rb1 -5.68/20 Dodges Rb2

[36.Qxa4 -1.80/19 was the crucial
defense. Rb2+ 37.Kf1]

36...Rxb1 37.Rxb1 Ng1+ -1.92/20

[37...Rg1 -3.47/25 38.cxd6 Rxb1
Deflection (38...cxd6? 39.Rb7+-;
38...Qxd6 39.Rxg1 Nxg1+ 40.Kf1=)
39.Qxb1 Qc3 (39...cxd6 40.Qb5+)
40.dxc7 Qc4+ (40...Qxa3 41.c8Q;
40...Qxc7 41.Kd1=) 41.Kd1 Qf1+
42.Kc2 Qxf2+ 43.Kc3 Qxe3+ 44.Kc4
Nd2+ (44...Qxf4? 45.c8Q-+) 45.Kb5
Nxb1]

38.Kd2? -3.44/21

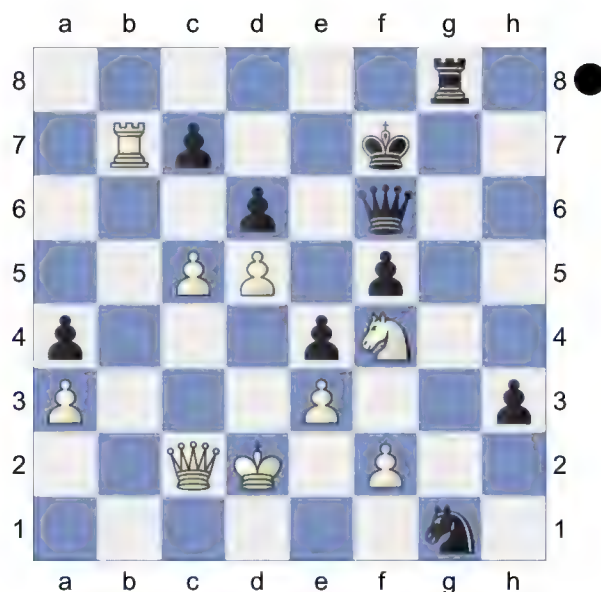
[38.Kd1 -1.92/20 h3 (38...Nf3
39.Qxa4 Rg1+ 40.Kc2=) 39.Qxa4]

38...h3

[38...Nf3+ 39.Ke2+]

39.Rb7? -#21/16

[39.Qxa4+ -2.29/18 Qe7 (39...dxc5
40.Qd7+ Qe7 41.Qxf5+ Qf6
42.Qh5+ Ke7 43.d6+ Discovered
Attack Qxd6+ 44.Kc2+-) 40.Rxg1
Rxg1 41.Nxh3]



39...Nf3+ 40.Ke2 Qa1? -3.76/19

[40...Rg1 -16.35/21 41.Qd1 h2
(41...dxc5 42.Rxc7+ Kf8 43.Rc8+
Ke7 44.Rc7+ Kd8 45.Ne6+;
41...Rxd1 is a self mate. 42.Rxc7+
Kg8 43.Kxd1 Qb2 44.Rc8+ Kh7
45.Rh8+ Kg7 46.Ne6+ Kxh8
47.cxd6 Qd2#) 42.Qb1 Rxb1
(42...h1R leads to mate. 43.Rxc7+
Kg8 44.Qb8+ Qf8 45.Qxf8+ Kxf8
46.Ne6+ Ke8 47.Ng7+ Rxg7
48.Rc8+ Kd7 49.Rc7+ Kxc7
50.cxd6+ Kb6 51.d7 Re1#) 43.Rxb1
Qc3 (43...dxc5 gets mated. 44.d6
Qxd6 45.Rh1 Qd2+ 46.Kf1 Qe1+
47.Kg2 Qg1+ 48.Rxg1 hxg1Q+]

49.Kh3 Qh2#; 43...Ng1+ 44.Kd2 h1Q
45.Ne2 Qf3 46.Nxg1 Qxf2+ 47.Ne2
f4 48.Kd1 Qf1+ Skewer 49.Kd2
fxe3+ 50.Kxe3 Q6f3+
Skewer, Double Attack 51.Kd4
Qd3#) 44.Rh1 Qd2+ (44...dxc5
45.d6 cxd6 46.Kf1 Qc1+ 47.Kg2
Qg1+ 48.Rxg1 hxg1Q+ 49.Kh3
Qh2#) 45.Kf1 Qe1+ (45...dxc5?
46.Kg2-+; 45...Nh4 46.f3 Qd1+
47.Kf2 Qxh1 48.Kg3 Qe1+ 49.Kxh2
Nxf3+ 50.Kg2 Qg1+ 51.Kh3 Qh2#)
46.Kg2 Qg1+ 47.Rxg1 hxg1Q+
48.Kh3 Qh2#]

41.Rxc7+? -#7/22

[41.Rb1-+ -3.76/19 Ng1+
(41...Qxa3? 42.Nxh3-+) 42.Kd1
Qxa3 43.cxd6 Qxd6 44.Rb7]

41...Kf6 42.Nh5+ Kg5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/
Black=0.56

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E10
□ Diaz Perez, Michel Alejandro 2459

■ Pragganandhaa, Rameshbabu

Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Apr blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5
Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6
9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu, M-Akash
Pc, I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4
5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3
7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6
10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4
Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5
Dddnddd, D-Condori Aranya, E 51/28
Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6

10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+
(18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005
18.e4 Rd4 Dddnddd, D-Chapter
Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.a3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.e4 d6
7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 e5 10.d5
Nd4 White is slightly better. 11.Be3

[11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nb5 (12.Qxd4
Nxe4 Pin, Discovered Attack 13.Qd3
Nxc3?) 12...Nxe4 13.Nxd4 Ng5]

11...Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Nh5 13.Ne1
-0.26/19

[13.c5 0.26/18]

13...Qh4 0.33/19

[13...b6= -0.26/19]

14.Nd3 -0.69/23

[14.Nf3± 0.33/19 Qe7 15.Qd2]

14...f5 15.Bd2 Nf4 16.Qf3 -0.73/19

[16.Nxf4= -0.29/21 exf4 17.Qf3]

16...g5? Black is more active. 17.exf5?
-2.39/21

[17.Nxf4? -0.82/21 gxf4 (17...exf4
18.Qd3?) 18.Rfe1]

17...Bxf5? -0.74/17

[17...e4!-+ -2.39/21 and Black stays
clearly on top. 18.Nxe4 Rxe4
(18...Bxf5 19.Nxg5 Bxd3 20.Bxf4±;
18...Nxd3 19.f6?) 19.Nxf4 Rxf4
20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.Qxf4 gxf4]

18.Bxf4 -1.90/18

[18.Nxf4? -0.74/17 gxf4 (18...exf4
19.Nb5?) 19.Ne4]

18...exf4-+

[18...gxf4 19.c5?]]

19.Rfe1 -2.13/23

[19.g4 -1.67/21 Bg6 20.Ne1]

19...Bd4? 0.00/26

[19...h5-+ -2.13/23 White must now
prevent ...g4. 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

20.Nb5= Bb6 Hoping for ...Bxd3. A
strong pair of Bishops. 21.Rxe8+

-0.37/20

[21.c5= 0.00/26 Bxd3 (21...Bxc5?
22.Nxc5 Rf8 23.Ne6+-; 21...dxc5?
22.d6+-) 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.cxb6
Bxb5 24.bxa7]

21...Rxe8 **22.Re1 Rf8** ...Bxd3 is the strong threat.

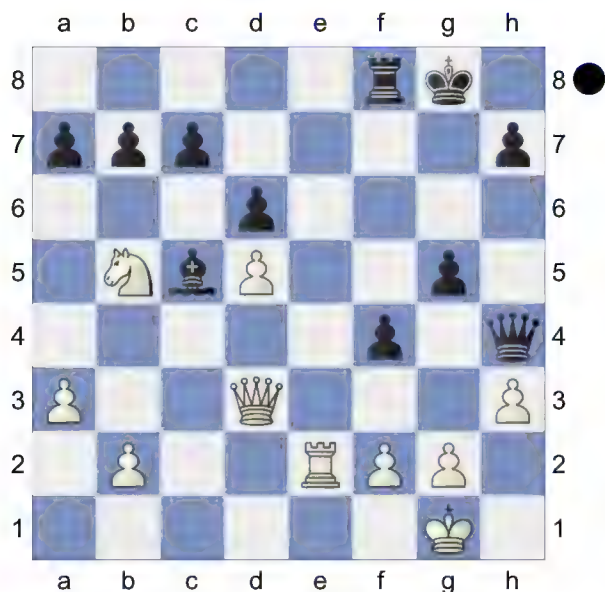
[22...Rxe1+ simplifies 23.Nxe1 Qh6
24.Qe2 Qf6]

23.c5! Bxd3 Remove Defender

[23...Bxc5? 24.Nxc5 (24.Nxc7?
Bxd3 25.Ne6 Qg3+-) 24...g4
25.hxg4 (25.Qxf4 dxc5 26.g3
Deflection Qf6±) 25...Bxg4 26.Qe4
(26.Qb3 f3±) 26...dxc5 27.Qc4+-
(27.Nxa7 Bd7=; 27.Nxc7 Qf6+-)]

24.Qxd3 Bxc5 25.Re2 -4.08/22

[25.Nd4= 0.11/23]



25...f3!+- Deflection 26.gxf3 Qxh3
27.Qe4 Kh8? -0.33/21

[27...Rxf3 28.Qe6+ Kg7 29.Qe7+
Kh6 30.Re6+ Kh5 31.Qe8+ Kg4
32.Re4+ Rf4 33.Qd7+ (33.Qe6+
Kh4±) 33...Kh4 34.Qxh7+ Kg4
35.Qd7+ Kh4 36.Qh7+ Kg4
37.Qd7+ Kh4 38.Qxh3+ Kxh3
39.Rxf4 gxf4 40.Nxc7=]

[27...Qxf3 28.Qxf3 Rxf3 29.Nxc7+-]
[27...Qg3+-+ -3.23/22 28.Kf1 Qh2
(28...Qxf3? 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Nxc7+;
28...Rxf3? 29.Qe8+ Kg7 30.Re7+
Kh6 31.Re6+ Kg7 32.Qd7+ Rf7
33.Qxf7+ Kxf7 34.fxg3+-; 28...Qh3+?
29.Ke1+-)]

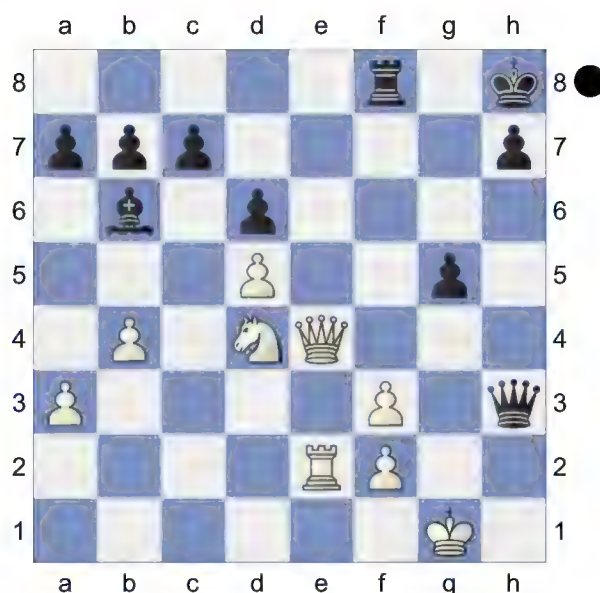
28.b4? -3.76/23

[28.Nd4! -0.33/21 Rg8 29.Qe6
Qxe6 30.Nxe6]

28...Bb6? -0.40/23

[28...g4!+- -3.76/23 29.f4 (29.bxc5
gxf3 30.Qd4+ Kg8) 29...Bb6]

29.Nd4



g4 0.00/26 30.fxg4= Rg8 31.f3→
White attacks. **31...Qg3+ 32.Kf1 Rf8**
aiming for ...Bxd4. **33.Rf2 Qe5**
34.Qxe5+ Remove Defender 34...dxe5
Endgame. KRB-KRN **35.Ne6 Rf7**
36.Rc2 Strongly threatening a4.

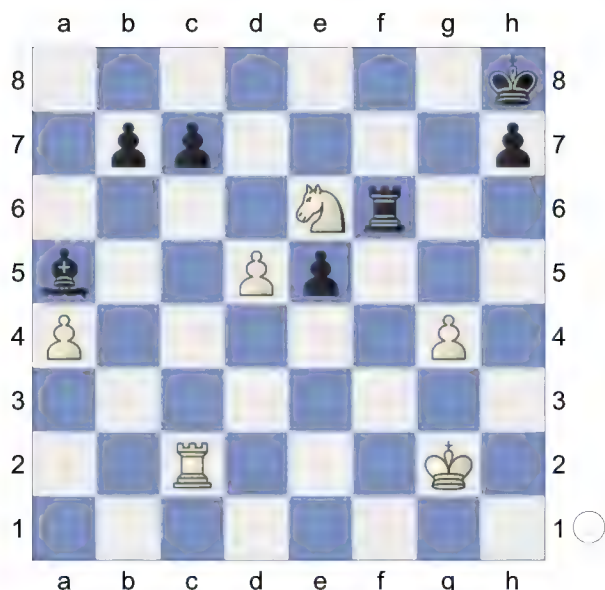
36...Rxf3+ 37.Kg2 Rf6 1.36/24
[37...Rxa3= 0.01/26 38.d6 c6]

38.a4 And now a5! would win. **38...a5**
39.bxa5 0.74/18

[39.Nxc7 axb4 40.Ne6 h6=]
[39.g5 1.59/27 Rf7 40.d6]

39...Bxa5±

(Diagram)



40.Nxc7? 0.01/23

[40.g5!± 1.59/23 Rf7 41.Rc5]

40...Rf4= 41.Ne6 Intending Rc8+ and mate. **41...Rxc4+ 42.Kf3 Rg8** 3.23/24

[42...h5= 0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

43.d6 Re8 44.Ng5 0.01/20

[44.Nc5+- 2.25/24 e4+ 45.Nxe4]

44...Kg7! 45.Ke4 Kd5 would now be deadly. **45...Kg6** 0.46/21

[45...Kf6= 0.01/24 was preferable. 46.Rg2 (46.Nxh7+ Ke6=) 46...Ra8]

46.Nf3 0.02/19

[46.Rg2± 0.46/21 should be considered.]

46...Kf6 47.Kd5 e4 48.Nd4 e3 -0.07/22 Dodges Rf2+

[Black should try 48...Re5+± -0.63/25 49.Kc4 e3]

49.d7 -0.73/24

[49.Rb2= -0.07/22 remains equal.]

49...Rd8 0.00/28

[Don't play 49...Re7 50.Kd6=]

[49...Re5+± -0.73/24 50.Kd6 h5]

50.Kd6! Rg8 51.Ne2 Kf5? 6.23/22

[51...Rg2= -0.12/20]

52.Rc8? -0.01/19

[52.Rc5+- 6.23/22 Kg4 53.Rxa5

Rg6+ 54.Ke5 Rg5+ 55.Kd4 Rxa5 56.d8Q (56.d8R b5±)]

52...Rg2? 5.93/19 A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.72. Loss on time!?

[52...Bd8= -0.01/19 and Black stays safe. 53.Nd4+ Kf6 (53...Ke4 54.Ne6±)]

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□ **Vaisser, Anatoli**

■ **Fressinet, Laurent**

87th ch-FRA 2012 (7)

[John Emms, MH]

E33

2556

2714

20.08.2012

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 Looking through games, it's noticeable that there are a number of different move orders to reach the Zürich Variation. Here Fressinet is using the Black Knights Tango, while the 4 Nf3 Nimzo and the Bogo-Indian are two other routes.

[2...e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 is the 4 Qc2 Nimzo move order.]

[2...e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Qc2 is from the 4 Nf3 Nimzo]

[and 2...e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Qc2 d6 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nc6 is from the 4 Nf3 Nimzo.]

3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu, M-Akash Pc, I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddndddd, D-Condori Aranya, E 51/28

Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6
10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+
(18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005
18.e4 Rd4 Dddndddd,D-Chapter
Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

**3...e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 0-0 6.a3
Bxc3 7.Bxc3 d6 8.Qc2 Qe7 9.e3**

[9.g3 is covered in Timoschenko-
Aczel, Banska Stiavnica 2011.]

9...a5 10.Bd3

[For 10.b3 see Feller-Fressinet,
Belfort 2012.]

10...e5 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nd2 White is
slightly better.

[12.b3?? -2.47/23 12.0-0 0.61 loses
a piece as after e4 13.Bxf6 -3.58/18
(13.Be2 -2.18/19 was worth a try.
exf3 14.gxf3) 13...Qxf6 the rook on
a1 is en prise.]

12...a4!? Fressinet clamps down on the
queenside, creates an outpost on c5
and prepares to put a knight there.

[Previously Black players, with one or
two exceptions, have chosen to chip
away at White's centre with 12...c6
and this still feels like a decent route
to take.

A) ideally White would like to keep
his centre with 13.e4?! 0.28/23
13.dxc6 0.73 but Nh5!
begins Black's counterplay, which
was in full swing after 14.g3 Bh3
15.Be2 Nf6 16.0-0-0?! -0.36/22
(16.Rg1= 0.27/22 Bg4 17.f3)
16...b5! 0.52/19 in Y.Pelletier-V.
Bologan, Biel 1999 (16...Rc8! -
0.36/22);

B) 13.dxc6! bxc6 "is quite
comfortable for Black due to his
extra central pawn" (Palliser).

(instead 13...Nxc6 14.0-0 h6
15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Be6
17.Qd3 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.f4
f6 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8
22.Rd3± is an edge for White, Z.
Hracek-T.Heinemann, Muelheim
2011. In a later game Heinemann
agrees with Palliser and switches to
13...bxc6.) 14.Ne4 This seems to
ease Black's position. (14.b3!
transposes to the Gordon-Slavin
game in the notes to Feller-
Fressinet, and looks like a better
chance for an advantage)
14...Nxe4! 15.Bxe4 f5 16.Bd3 c5
0.73/19 (16...Be6± 0.37/22)
17.0-0± Be6 18.f4 (18.b4 0.43/20
18.b3 0.82) 18...e4 19.Be2 Nd7
0.97/22 (19...a4; 19...a4± 0.58/20
was preferable.) 20.Qd2 0.18/23
(20.b3; 20.b3± 0.97/22) 20...a4!=
21.Rad1 Ra6 22.Kh1 Qf7
C.Scholz-T.Heinemann, Hamburg
2012.]

13.0-0 Nbd7 14.f4! White, of course,
must look for action on the kingside.
**14...Re8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 h6
17.Bh7+ 0.47/23** This pair of bishops is
nice.

[White could also consider keeping
the tension with 17.Rae1 This might
have been my choice.]

[17.Rae1± 0.86/21]

17...Kh8± 18.Bf5 0.00/27

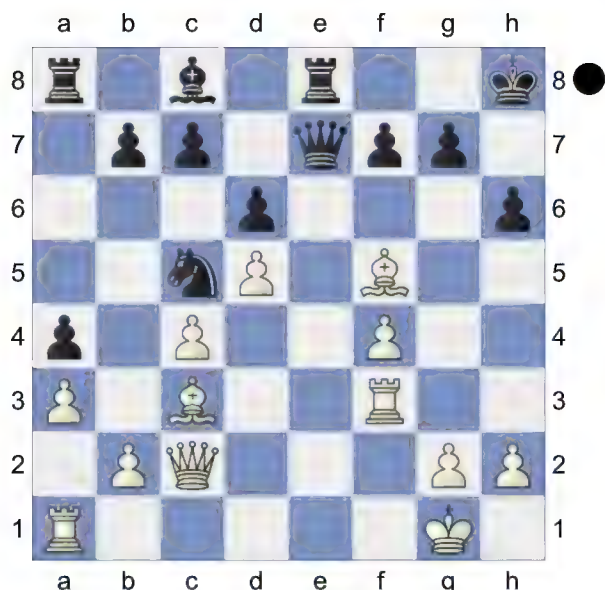
[Better is 18.Bd3± 0.61/24]

18...exf4!= 19.exf4 Nc5! 20.Rf3

[If 20.Rae1 Black has Bxf5 21.Qxf5
Qd7=]

(Diagram)

And now Rg3 would win. **20...Bxf5**



[20...Ne4 simplifies 21.Bxe4 Qxe4
22.Qxe4 Rxe4 23.Re1 Rxe1+
24.Bxe1 Bf5]

21.Qxf5 Hoping for Rh3. **21...f6!**

22.Qg6 This looks threatening, but...

[22.Re1 simplifies Qd7 23.Qxd7
Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Nxd7 25.Re3]

22...Kg8! I really like this idea. Fressinet is about to give up a pawn, but he clearly recognizes that the position after a queen exchange will be better for him because of his control of the e-file, White's offside rook and the weak pawn on c4.

[Of course not 22...Qe4 23.f5 Re7
24.Rh3= (24.Re1 Qxe1+ 25.Bxe1
Rxe1+ 26.Rf1 Rae8=)]

23.Rh3 -0.85/21

[23.Re1 ♣ -0.46/24 Qf7 24.Qxf7+
Kxf7 25.Rfe3]

23...Qf7! ♣ 24.Rxh6 -1.45/21

[♠24.Qf5 -0.92/21]

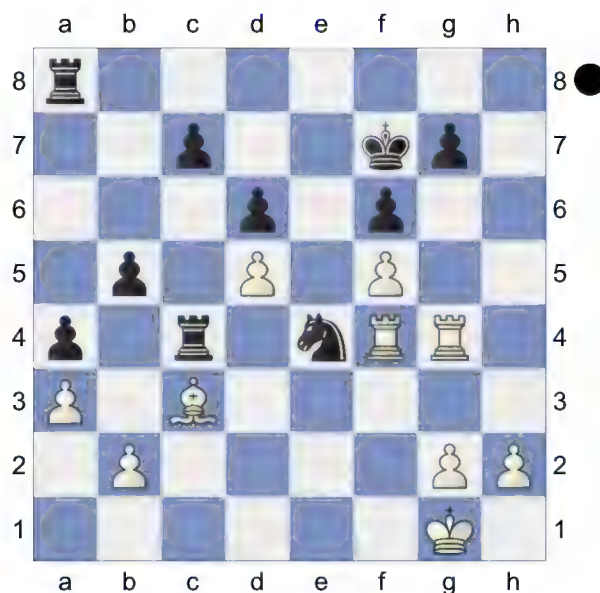
24...Qxg6 25.Rxg6 Kf7↑ Black has strong initiative. **26.Rg4 Re4** Black regains the pawn almost immediately, and as a result the d5-pawn becomes a concern. **27.Rf1 Rxc4 28.Rf3 Ne4** Repels Rfg3 **29.f5 b5?**

-0.27/23

[29...c5-+ -1.92/24 White must now prevent ...b5. 30.Rh3 b5]

30.Rff4? -1.90/25

[30.h3!= -0.27/23]



White does not recover from this.

30...Re8!-+ Fressinet threatens ... Nxc3 followed by an zwischenzug check on e2 if Rxc4, so Vaissier feels obliged to move the bishop away.

[Weaker is 30...Nxc3 31.Rxc4 Ne2+
(31...Nxd5 32.Rc2±; 31...bxc4
32.bxc3 Ra5 33.Rxc4±) 32.Kf1 bxc4
33.Kxe2±]

31.Bb4 -2.80/23

[If 31.Kf1? -4.47/21 31.Rh4 -1.68
then Nxc3 32.Rxc4 Nxd5!]

[♠31.h3 -1.71/24]

31...Rc1+ 32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Re5 34.Rf4 Nc5!** Winning a pawn. **35.Bxc5 -4.27/19**

[35.Rd4 -2.31/20 only move.]

35...dxc5 KR-KR. Black is clearly winning. **36.g4 Rxd5 37.Ke2** Dodges Rd2+ **37...c4 38.Rf3 c5 39.h3 Rd6 40.Re3 Rd5 41.h4 -8.41/20**
[♠41.Rg3 -4.28/20]

41...Re5! 42.Kd2 -8.42/22

[Δ 42.g5 -5.20/19 Rxf5 43.gxf6 gxf6
(43...Kxf6? 44.Rh3-+) 44.Rh3]

42...Rxe3 43.Kxe3 b4 44.Kd2 g6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/
Black=0.14 (very precise)

[44...g6 45.fxg6+ Kxg6 46.Kc2 f5!
wins. A nice smooth win as Black by
Fressinet. I like his 12...a4 idea.]

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E11

2637

□ **Laznicka,Viktor**

■ **Bologan,Viktor**

2692

World Cup Khanty Mansiysk RUS (3.5)

[A. Baburin & M. Ginsburg (www.chessto..

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5
Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6
9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash
Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4
5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3
7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6
10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4
Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5
Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28
Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6
10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+
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**3...e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Nc3
0-0 7.Bg2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Rc1
d6 10.d5 Nb8 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.0-0
Nd7 White is slightly better. 13.Be1 a5
14.Nd2 Nef6 15.Nb3! a4 16.Nd4 e5
17.Nb5 Nc5 18.Bb4 Ne6 19.Qd2 h6**

20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Bd7 0.70/19

[Δ 21...Nc5! 0.33/20]

22.e4± Black must now prevent e5.
White is more active.

[22.f5 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Ng5]

22...c5 Threatens to win with ...Bxb5.

**23.Bc3 Bxb5 24.cxb5 Rad8 25.Rce1
Kh8 26.Qd1 Nd7 27.Qd2**

[27.Qxa4 Nxf4 28.Qc2 Ne5±]

27...Qh4 28.f5

[28.Qxd6 Nxf4 29.Kh1 Nxc2
30.Kxc2 Rxf1 31.Rxf1 Qg4+
(31...Qxe4+ 32.Rf3=) 32.Kh1 Qxe4+
33.Kg1 Kh7=]

**28...Nd4 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.Qxd4 Ne5
0.98/21**

[30...Rfe8± 0.39/22]

31.Qxa4 0.05/21

[White should play 31.Rc1± 0.98/21]

31...Rxf5!= Deflection 32.Rxf5

[32.Qb3 keeps more tension. Rg5
33.Re3 b6 34.Qc3]

**32...Qxe1+ 33.Rf1 Qe3+ Black has
compensation.**

[33...Qd2 looks sharper. 34.Qb3 Nd3
35.Kh1 Nf4]

**34.Kh1 Rc8 35.Qd1 Qc5 36.a4 Qb4
Prevents Qd2 37.b3 b6 0.55/25**

[37...Rc3= 0.13/23 might be
stronger.]

38.Qd5 Qa3 1.45/20

[38...Kh7= 0.22/26]

39.Bh3 0.16/21

[39.Qb7!± 1.45/20 Qc5 40.b4]

39...Rc1 40.Qa8+ Kh7 41.Bf5+ g6

**42.Bxg6+ Decoy 42...Kxg6 43.Qe8+
Kg5 44.Qe7+ Kh5 45.Qe8+ Ng6**

**46.Qf7 Rxf1+ 47.Qxf1 Qc5
Strongly threatening ...Qe5. 48.b4?**

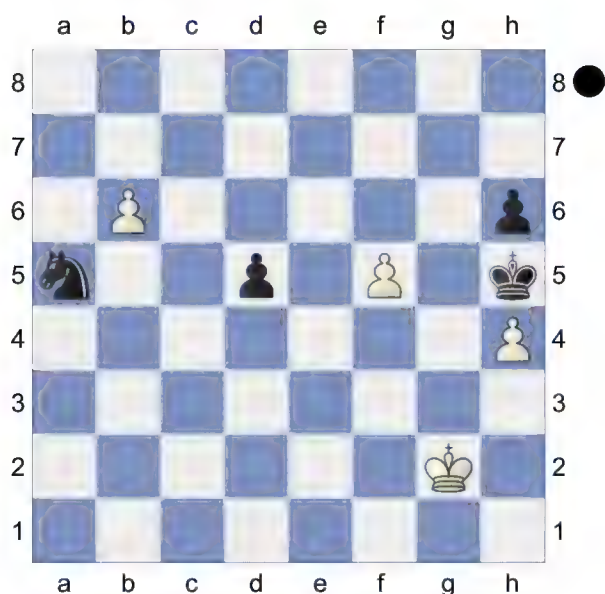
-1.97/29 Qe5!-+

[48...Qxb4 49.Qf5+ (49.Qf3+ Kg5=)
49...Kh4 50.Qxg6=]

49.Qf5+ -8.71/21

[49.Qf3+ -2.22/20 Kg5 50.h3]
49...Qxf5 50.exf5 Endgame. KN-KP
50...Ne5 51.a5 bxa5! 52.bxa5 Nc4?
0.00/48

[52...Nd7-+ -6.27/25 53.Kg2 Kg5]
53.b6= Nxa5 KN-K3P 54.h4 d5
 [54...Kxh4 55.f6 Nc4 56.f7 (56.b7
 Ne5 57.b8Q Kg5 58.Qxd6 Nf7
 59.Qe7 Kg6 60.Kg2 Ng5) 56...Nxb6
 57.f8Q Kg5 58.Qxd6 Nc8 59.Qc5+
 Kf6 60.Qxc8]
55.Kg2 Diagram



55...d4?

[55...Nb7! 56.Kf2 Nd6 57.Ke1 Nb7
 58.Kd2 Nd6 Diagram

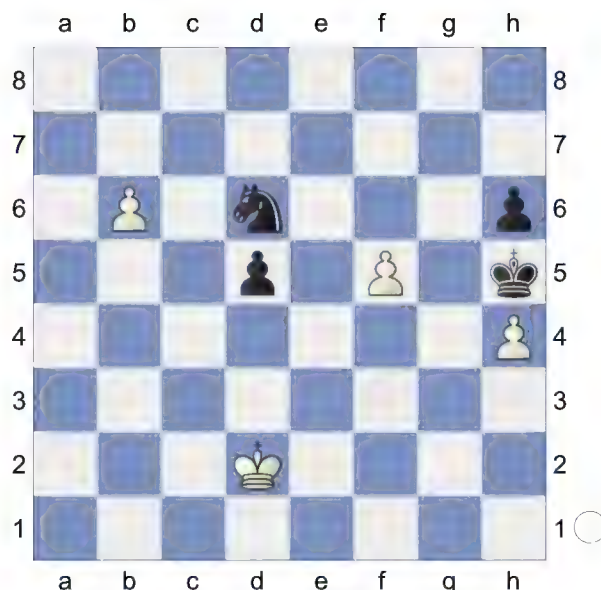
(Diagram)

A) Or 59.Kd3 Kg4!

A1) 60.f6 Kf5! 61.Kd4! Ke6
 win for Black. Hoping for ...h5!
 62.f7? -6.35/41 (62.h5= -0.03/30
 Kxf6 63.Kxd5) 62...Nxf7-+ 63.b7
 Ne5 64.b8N Nf3+ 65.Ke3
 Nxb4-+;

A2) 60.f6!? Kf5 61.Kd4 Kxf6
 62.Kxd5;

A3) 60.Kd4 (the only way to



draw the game!) 60...Kxf5
 61.Kxd5 Nb7 62.Kc6 Nd8+
 63.Kd7 (63.Kc7!? Ne6+
 64.Kd6=) 63...Ne6 64.Kd6=
 (64.Ke7!? Nc5 65.Kd6=);

B) 59.Kc3 Prevents Nc4 59...Kxh4
 Only now - and Black is safe due to
 a fork. aiming for ...Kg5! 60.f6
 Ne4+! 61.Kd4 Nxf6 62.b7 Nd7
 63.Kxd5 h5 64.Kd6 (64.Kc6!?
 Nb8+ 65.Kc7 Na6+ 66.Kb6=)
 64...Nb8 65.Kc7 Na6+ 66.Kb6
 Nb8=]

[55...Kxh4 56.f6 Nc4 57.b7 Kg5
 58.f7 (58.b8B? Kxf6 59.Kf3 Kf5-+)
 58...Nd6 59.f8Q Nxb7 60.Qg8+ Kf4
 61.Qxd5]

56.Kf2 d3

[56...Kxh4 57.f6 Kg5 58.f7 Nc4
 59.f8Q (59.f8R Nxb6 60.Rb8 Nd7±)
 59...Nxb6 60.Qc5+ Kf6 61.Qxd4+
 (61.Qxb6+ Ke5 62.Qxh6 Ke4
 63.Qe6+ Kf4 64.Ke2 Kg5 65.Kd3
 Kf4 66.Qf6+ Kg4) 61...Kg6
 62.Qxb6+]

57.Ke1

[57.Kf3!?]

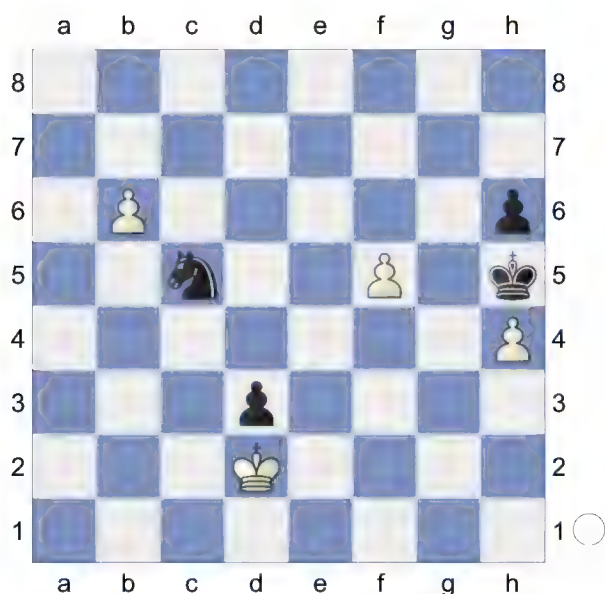
57...Nb7!

[57...Kxh4 58.f6 Kh5 59.f7 Nc4
60.f8Q (60.f8R Nxb6 61.Rf5+
Kg4±) 60...d2+ 61.Ke2 Nxb6
62.Qf5+ (62.Kxd2 Kg6 63.Qd6+
Deflection Kf5 64.Qxb6 h5 65.Qc5+
Kg6 66.Ke3 Kf6) 62...Kh4 63.Kxd2]

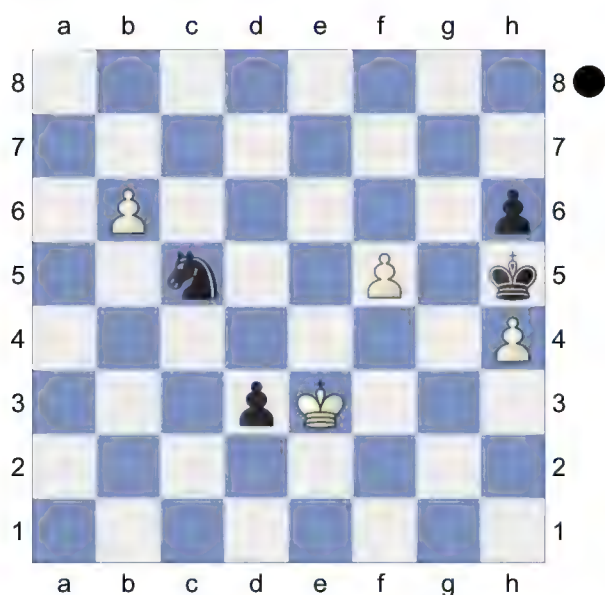
58.Kd2 Nc5 5.14/36

[58...Kxh4 59.f6 Nd6 60.b7+-
(60.Kxd3 Kg5=)]

[58...Nd6!= 0.00/25 59.Kxd3 Kxh4
(59...Nxf5 60.b7+-)]



59.Ke3!+- Diagram



. White is clearly winning. 59...Kg4

[59...Kxh4 6.90/25 59...d2 4.88 60.f6
d2 61.Ke2!+-]

60.f6 d2



61.Ke2 Interestingly, Rybka failed to see this move from afar, thinking that Black was OK after 58...d2. f7 is the strong threat.

[61.Kxd2 Ne4+ 62.Ke3 Nxf6=]

61...Nd7 62.f7

[62.Kxd2 Nxb6 (62...Nxf6 63.b7=)
63.f7 Nd7 (63...Kxh4 64.f8Q Kg5
65.Qc5+ Kg4 66.Qxb6 Kf5 67.Qxh6
Ke5 68.Qc6) 64.Ke1 Kxh4 65.Kf2
Kg5 66.Kg3 Kg6 67.Kh4 h5
(67...Kxf7 68.Kh5 Kg7 69.Kh4 Kg6
70.Kg4 h5+ 71.Kh4 Nf6 72.Kh3 Kg5
73.Kg3 Ne4+ 74.Kf3 Kf5 75.Kg2
Kg4 76.Kg1 h4 77.Kg2 h3+ 78.Kf1
Kg3 79.Ke2 h2 80.Kd3 h1Q 81.Ke3
Qc1+ 82.Kxe4 Qc5 83.Kd3 Kf3
84.Kd2 Qc4 85.Kd1 Ke3 86.Ke1
Qe2#) 68.Kg3 Kxf7 69.Kh3 Kg6
70.Kh4 Kh6 71.Kh3 Kg5 72.Kg3
Ne5 73.Kh3 h4 74.Kh2 Kg4 75.Kg2
h3+ 76.Kh2 Kh4 77.Kh1 Ng4
78.Kg1 Kg3 79.Kf1 h2 80.Ke1
h1Q+ (80...h1R+ 81.Kd2 Rh4

82.Kd3 Ne5+ 83.Kd2 Kf2 84.Kc3
Ke3 85.Kc2 Rc4+ 86.Kb1 Kd2
87.Kb2 Rc3 88.Ka1 Rb3 89.Ka2
Kc2 90.Ka1 Ra3#) 81.Kd2 Qc6
82.Kd3 Qc5 83.Kd2 Nf2 84.Ke1
Qc2 85.Kf1 Qd1#]

62...Kf5 63.b7

[Weaker is 63.Kxd2 Ke6=]

63...Ke6 64.f8Q Promotion. White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.32

[Worse is 64.Kxd2 Kxf7 65.Ke3 Ke6=]

1-0

□ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel**

E11

2690

■ **Vlassov,Nikolai**

2299

Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28 Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ (18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005 18.e4 Rd4 Dddnddd,D-Chapter Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 d6

The main line 6...d6 scores better than 6...0-0. Die Hauptvariante 6...d6 punktet besser als 6...0-0. **7.0-0** And now Bg5 would win. **7...e5 8.e3!?** 0.30/23 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[8.Be3± 0.66/22]

8...Bg4N Strongly threatening ...e4.

[Vorgänger: 8...Bxd2 9.Qxd2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 1.02/23 (11...Bxf3± 0.63/22 feels stronger. 12.Bxf3 Nd7) 12.Nh4± Re8 13.f4 exd4 14.exd4 Nd7 1-0 Dardha,D (2604)-Baselmans,L (2263) BEL-chT 2223 2022 (1.1)]

9.h3 White is slightly better. **9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bxd2 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Nc3 Re8 13.Rfd1** White is more active. **13...Qe7 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bg2** Black is on the road to losing. **15...Rad8 1.39/19**

[Black should try 15...e4± 0.67/23]



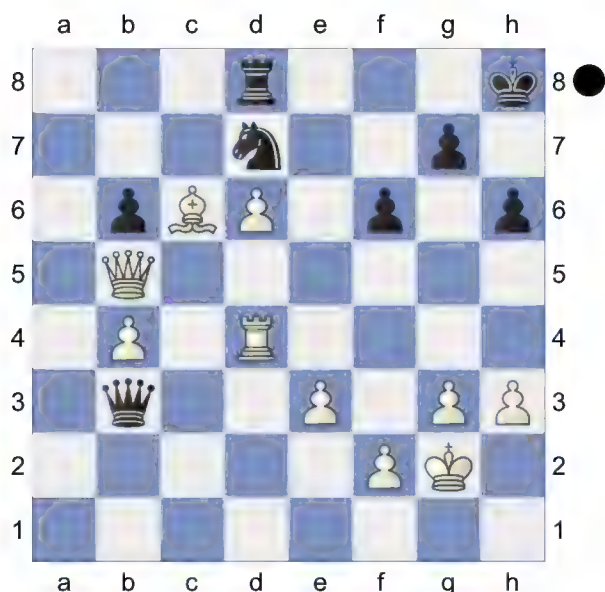
16.Nd5!± Nxd5 2.61/23

[16...Qd7± 1.33/23 17.Nxf6+ gxf6]

17.cxd5+- Nb4 18.a3 Na6 19.Qxa5 Black is weak on the light squares **19...Rc8 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.b4 Nb8**

4.34/19

[$\triangleleft$ 21...Ra8 2.74/17 22.Qa4 Rec8]
22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.Qxc7 White is clearly winning. **23...Qb2 24.Qxd6 Qxa3 25.Qb6 Qb3 26.Bf3 Nd7 27.Qb5 Rd8 28.d6 b6 29.Kg2 Kh8 30.Rd4 f6 31.Bc6**



Deflection 31...Ne5 32.Qxb6 Nxc6 33.Qxc6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.34
1-0

□ Rohit,Krishna S **A50 2474**
 ■ Concio,Michael Jr **2368**
 Asia-ch U18 Tagaytay City (8) 18.10.24
 [Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N
 [4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddndddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28

Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ 18.e4 Rd4 The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.h3 0.19/22

[7.Na4± 0.58/22 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2]

7...a5 8.Na4 Bb4+ 0.80/19

[8...Ba7!= 0.12/21 keeps the balance.]

9.Kf1!± White is better. 9...b6 10.Be3 0.35/19

[10.a3± 0.73/23]

10...d6± 11.Ne2

[11.a3!? Bc5□ 12.Nxc5 bxc5 13.Ne2=]

11...Nh5 12.a3 Bc5 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Qd2 0.09/21

[14.g3± 0.47/18]

14...h6 15.g3 Bd7 16.Kg2 0.00/23

[16.Nc3± 0.41/19]

16...0-0= 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 cxb4 20.Kh2 Qc8 21.Ng1 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Qxb4 Qb8 Prevents Ra7 25.Qxb8 Rxb8

26.Ra7 Ne8 27.Nf3 Ne7 28.Nd2 Nc8 29.Ra2 Ne7 30.g4 Bg6 31.Ra7 Nc8

32.Ra2 Ne7 33.Kg3 Kf8 34.Ra7 Nc8 35.Ra2 Nb6 36.Ra7 Nc8 37.Ra2 Nb6

38.h4 Ra8 39.Rxa8 Nxa8 40.h5 Bf7 41.Ne4 Nb6 0.69/23

[41...Bg8!= 0.30/24]

42.f4 0.17/26

[42.g5± 0.69/23 hxg5 43.Kg4 (43.Nxg5 Nf6±; 43.Bxg5 Nc8±)]

42...exf4+ 43.Kxf4 Nd7 44.Bd4 Bg8 45.g5 hxg5+ 46.Nxg5 Ndf6 0.92/22

[46...Ke7= 0.20/21 remains equal.]

47.Kf5± Kg6 would now be deadly.

47...Nh7 2.39/26

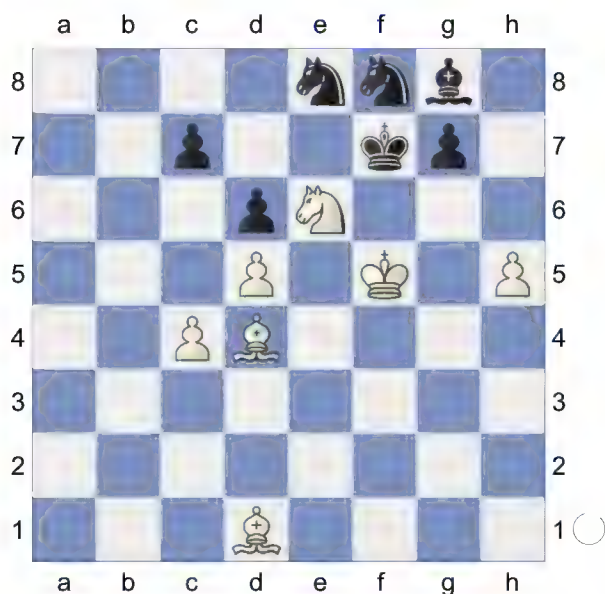
[47...Nd7± 0.94/24]

48.Ne6+- Kf7 49.Bd1? 0.51/28

[White has to play 49.Bd3+- 2.39/25]

49...Nf8? 2.39/30

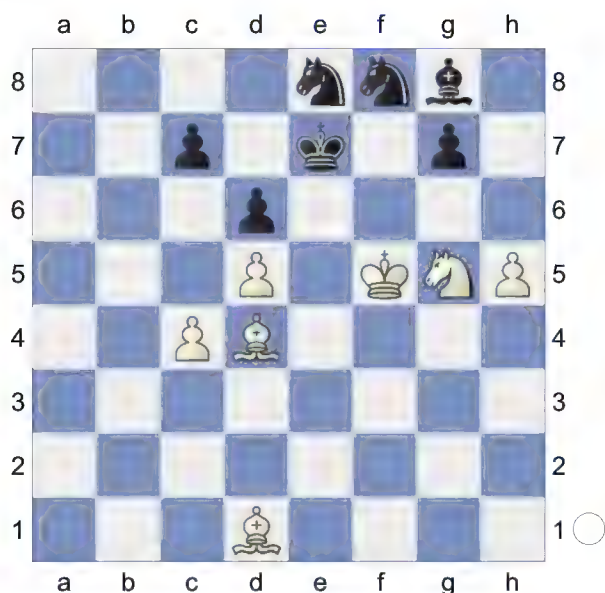
[49...Nh6± 0.51/28]



50.Ng5+? 0.48/5

[50.Nxf8!+- 2.39/30 Kxf8 51.Kg6]

50...Ke7±



51.Ba4! White is more active. 51...Nf6

52.Bd1 0.34/23

[White should play 52.h6!± 0.73/27

Bh7+ 53.Nxh7 g6+ 54.Kf4 N6xh7 55.Bc3]

52...N8h7 53.Kg6 Nxc5 54.Kxc5

Endgame. aiming for Bxf6+. KBB-KBN

54...Kf7 55.Bc2 The position is equal.

55...Nh7+ 56.Kf4 Nf8 Wards off Bg6+

57.c5 Threatens to win with c6. 57...Nd7

58.Bg6+

[58.c6!? Nf6□ 59.Bg6+ (59.Kg5

Nxd5 60.Bd3 Kf8±) 59...Ke7

60.Bxf6+ Kxf6 61.Be4=]

58...Kf8 59.cxd6 cxd6 60.Bf5

A strong pair of Bishops. 60...Nf6

61.Bxf6 gxf6= KB-KB 62.Be6 Bh7

63.Bf5 Bg8! 64.Be6 Bh7 65.h6

Black must now prevent Bf5. 65...Bg6

66.Bf5 Bf7 67.Be6

[67.h7!? Kg7□ 68.Be4=]

67...Bg6 68.Bf5 Bf7 69.Be6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

1/2-1/2

A50

□ Bu,Xiangzhi

2685

■ Inarkiev,Ernesto

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IV RUS-CHN Match (9)

29.08.2007

[Mikhalevski, V, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3

Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0

d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4

Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5

Dddndddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28

Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6

7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6

10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5

13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3

0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+

18.e4 Rd4 The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.a3 Bc5 7.Bd3 0.23/25

[7.b4± 0.75/22 Bd4 8.Nge2]

7...a5= 8.Rb1 Bu continues to experiment with different lines against the Panno variation. **8...d6** This position can also arise if Black starts with **7...a6**. The position is equal. **9.h3 0-0 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4** A relatively rare line. **11...Ba7 12.g3** Also this position can be reached by transposition: **11.Rc1 Bd7 12.Ne1**. White seems to create a threat of **13.Nxc5**. **12...Ne8!? -0.09/19** Black ignores the threat.

[After 12...c6]

[12...c6± -0.45/24]

13.Nf3 This exchange is already a novelty, which doesn't promise any advantage. **13...Bd7**

[13...f5= 0.76/23 13...c6 -0.10 with equal chances.]

14.Bg5 -0.72/18

[14.Kf1! Qc8 15.Kg2]

[14.Kf1!= 0.09/22 keeps the balance.]

14...Qc8!± 15.g4 c6 16.Ne2 -1.23/23

[16.Qd2± -0.64/20]

16...h6 17.Bd2 As a result of the exchanges Black has obtained the bishop pair, but the weakness of the c7-pawn compensates for it. So the chances of both sides are approximately equal. **17...cxd5 18.cxd5** An attempt to create some pressure on the c-pawn. **18...Qd8 -0.79/23**

[Black should play 18...Bb6 -1.34/20 19.Ra1 Nf6]

19.Ng3 Bb6 20.0-0 -1.07/22

[20.Ra1± -0.70/21]

20...Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 Black sacrifices a pawn and thus simplifies the position.

22.Nh5 Nf6 -0.55/23

[22...g6!± -1.03/24 23.Nxf4 Qf6]

23.Nxf4 -1.00/19

[23.Nxf6+± -0.55/23 should be considered. Qxf6 24.Qe2]

23...Re8! Now White's extra pawn is of little value. ...h5 would now be deadly.

24.Qc2 Rc8 -0.14/21

[24...g5! 25.Ng2 (25.Ne2 h5!) 25...Rc8!]

[Black should try 24...g5± -0.65/21 25.Ne2 h5]

25.Qb2!=

[25.Qe2? g5 26.Ng2 Nxd5-+]

25...Nxe4 Threatening ...Ng5. **26.Nh5! Nc3 0.76/24**

[26...Nf6!= -0.07/25 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6 28.Qxf6 gxf6]

27.Rbc1 0.10/18

[27.Rfc1 0.13/20 27.Rbe1 0.75 g6! 28.Rxc3 Rxc3 29.Qxc3 with sufficient compensation for a pawn. gxh5 is dangerous in view of 30.gxh5!± Threatens to win with Kh2.or 30...Bxh3? 3.51/21 (30...f5= 0.09/24 and Black is okay.)]

[27.Rbe1!± 0.76/24]

27...g6!

[27...Nxd5 28.Qxg7#]

(Diagram)

28.Qd2! Ne2+! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **29.Kg2**

[29.Bxe2 gxh5 30.Rxc8 Bxc8±]

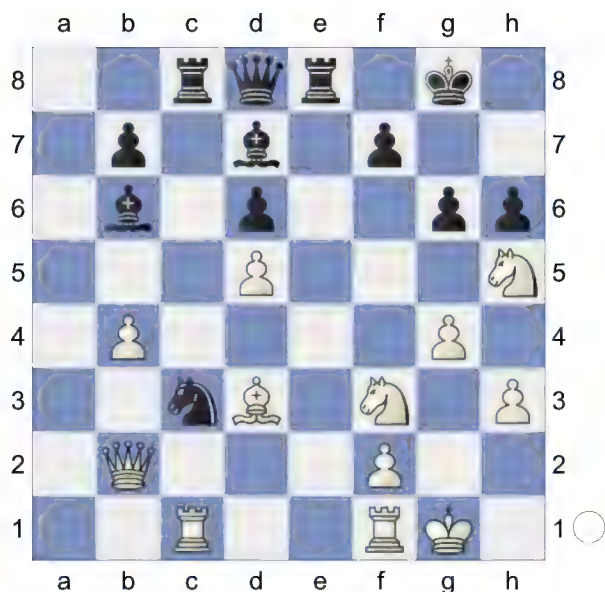
[29.Kh2!? Nd4□ (29...Nxc1 30.Qxh6) 30.Nxd4 Bxd4 31.Qxh6=]

29...Rxc1

[29...Nxc1 30.Qxh6]

30.Qxh6 Nf4+! Black wins back a pawn. **31.Qxf4 Rxf1 32.Kxf1**

Threatening mate with Qh6! **32...gxh5?!**



33.Qh6 Returning the favour. Now Black activates the bishop. **33...f5!** **34.Qg6+→** White has some attack. **34...Kh8** **35.gxf5**

[35.Ng5? Re7 (35...hxxg4 36.Qh7#) 36.Bxf5 Qf8-+]

35...Rf8! **36.Qxh5+ Kg8** **1.24/31** Despite White's extra pawn Black retains good chances for a draw.

[36...Kg7 **0.73/28** 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qh6+ Kg8]

37.Qg6+?!± White has strong compensation. **37...Kh8** White must now prevent ...Qf6. **38.Qh6+ Kg8**

(Diagram)

39.f6! White is more active. **39...Rf7** **7.21/23** Prevents Qh7+.

[39...Bxh3+ 40.Qxh3± Rf7! was more precise. Repels Qh7+ (40...Rxf6? **2.74/20** 40...Rf7 1.21)]

[39...Rxf6? 40.Bh7+ Kf7 41.Ng5+ Ke8 42.Bg6+-]

[39...Bxh3+± **0.88/23** 40.Qxh3 Rf7 (40...Rxf6? 41.Qh7+ Kf8 42.Bg6+-)]

40.Ng5+- Qg6+ would kill now. **40...Bxh3+** Now White can't make



progress. **41.Nxh3?** **1.15/21**

[41.Ke1! was a better practical chance. White threatens Qg6+ and mate. Qd7 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Bb5]

[Not 41.Qxh3 Qxf6 42.Bh7+ (42.Nxf7? Qxf2#) 42...Kf8 43.Qc8+ (43.Nxf7? Qxf2#) 43...Bd8 44.Nxf7 Kxf7±]

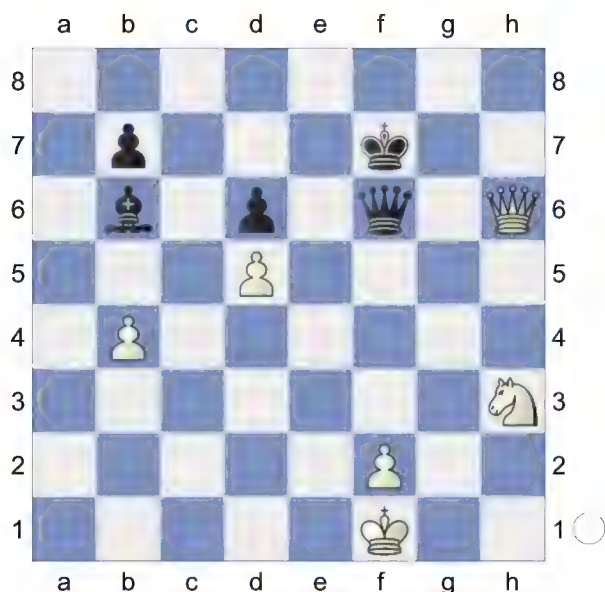
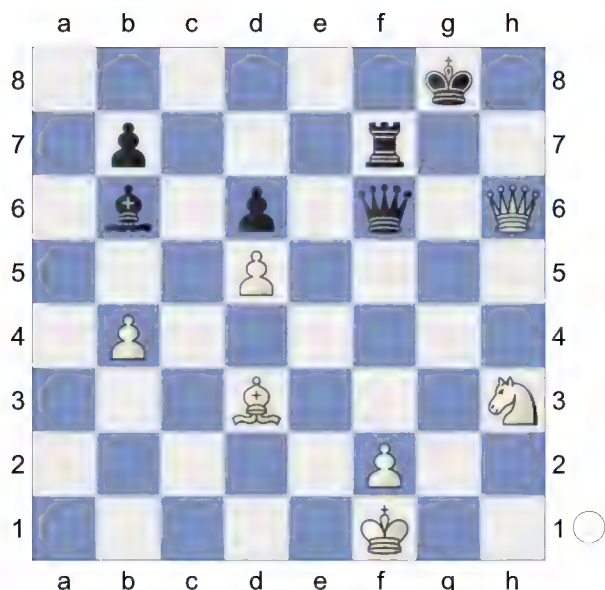
[41.Ke1+- **6.84/23** White wants to mate with Qg6+. Qd7 (41...Rxf6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ Ke7 44.Qg7+ Skewer Ke8 45.Bg6+ Deflection Rxxg6 46.Qf7#) 42.Qg6+ (42.Nxh3 Bd8±; 42.Nxf7 Qg4+-) 42...Kf8 43.Bb5 (43.Qxf7+? Qxf7 44.Nxf7 Kxf7-+) 43...Re7+ 44.fxe7+ Qxe7+ 45.Kd2]

41...Qxf6±

[41...Rxf6? too greedy. 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Bg6+-]

(Diagram)

42.Bh7+! Deflection **42...Kh8** **43.Bg6+** Discovered Attack (Check) **43...Kg8** Strongly threatening ...Rg7. **44.Bxf7+ Kxf7+-** Endgame.



KQB-KQN 45.Qh7+ 0.96/23

[45.Ng5+!+- 2.43/25 has better winning chances. Ke7 46.Qh7+ Kd8 47.Ne6+ (47.Qxb7? Qxf2#) 47...Kc8 48.Qg8+ Kd7 49.Qg7+ Qxg7 50.Nxg7]

45...Ke8± 46.Qxb7 Qd4= 3.31/19
Exchanging one of the pawns Black secures a draw.

[46...Qf5=]

[46...Qf5± 1.08/20]

47.Qc8+- Bd8 48.Qe6+ Be7 49.b5 Qd3+? 6.18/23

[49...Kd8 2.74/21 50.Kg2 Qb4]

50.Kg2 And now b6 would win.

50...Qxb5 51.Nf4 aiming for Ng6.

51...Qb2 52.Ng6 An interesting game, in which Bu's opening setup proved to be insufficient to obtain the advantage.

52...Qf6 53.Qxe7+!= again. In case of

53...Qxe7 Inarkiev prepared **54.Nxe7!**

and White has to force a draw by perpetual. **54...Kxe7 55.Kf3**

White mates. **55...Kf6** would set more

problems. Now **56.Kf4** doesn't create

problems. **56...Kg6! 57.Kg4 Kf6 58.f4**

Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.35. An unexpected result.

1/2-1/2

E04

□ **Gupta,Abhijeet**

2606

■ **Venkatesh,Marani Rajendran**

2524

12th Parsvnath Delhi Open 2014 (4.1)

[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5

Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6

9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash

Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4

5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3

7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6

10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4

Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5

Dddndddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28

Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6

7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6

10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5

13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3

0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+

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18.e4 Rd4 Dddndddd,D-Chapter
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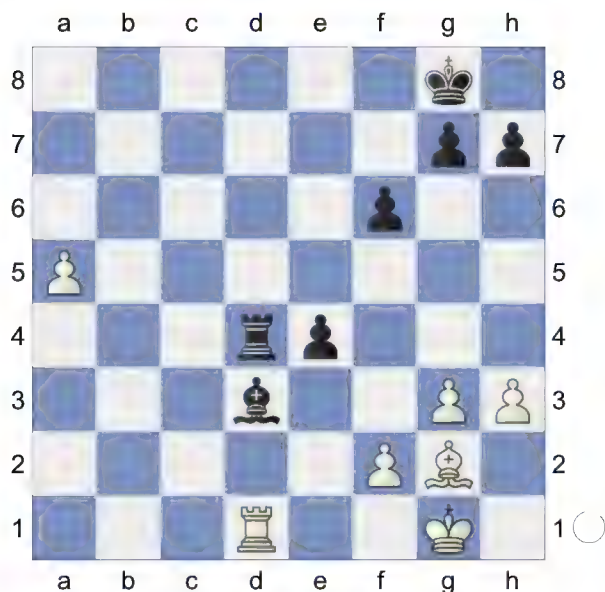
3...e6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.Qa4
 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndx4 9.0-0
 Rb8! 10.Na3 0-0 11.Qb5

[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qd1 bxc4-+]

11...b6! 12.Qxc4 **White has an edge.**
 12...Ba6 13.Nb5 Qd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5
 15.a4 Na5 16.Ne5 Rbd8 **Repels Nd7**
 17.Nxa7 Nb4 18.Rac1 Rxd4 19.Rxc7
 Bxe2 20.Rfc1 f6 21.Nec6 Naxc6
 22.Nxc6

[22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Nxc6 Rxa4=]

22...Nxc6 23.R7xc6 Rfd8 **Threatens to**
win with ...Rd1+. 24.h3 R8d6 25.Rxd6
 Rxd6= **Endgame.** KRB-KRB 26.b4 Rd4
 27.Re1 Bd3 28.Rd1 **Black must now**
prevent Bf1. 28...e5! 29.a5 bxa5
 30.bxa5 e4!



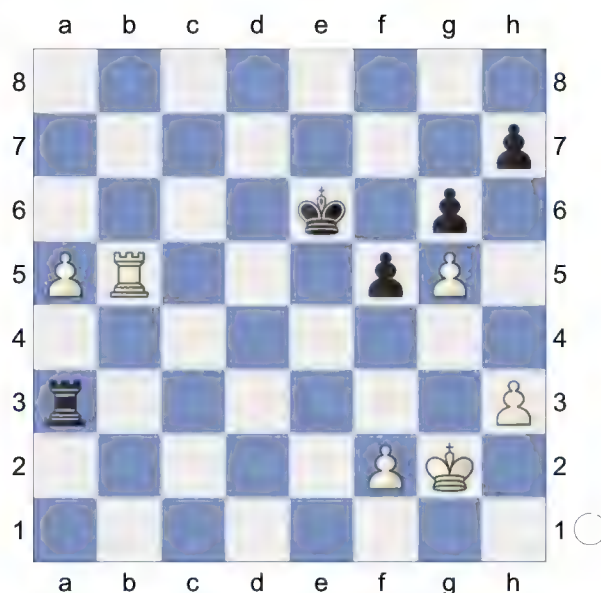
31.Bxe4! **Remove Defender, Deflection**
 31...Rxe4 32.Rxd3 KR-KR 32...Ra4
Prevents Ra3 33.Rd5 Kf7 34.Rb5 g6
 35.g4 Ke6 **0.94/26**

[35...f5= **0.10/26** remains equal.]

36.Kg2 f5? **5.34/21** **Black cannot hold**
the game after this.

[36...Kf7± **1.13/26** is a better chance.
 37.Kf3 Kf8]

37.g5+- Ra3



38.f3! f4 39.h4 Kd6 40.Rb6+ Ke5
 41.a6 Kd4 **6.81/20**

[Δ41...Ra1 **4.36/26** 42.Rb5+ Ke6]

42.Re6 Kd5 43.Re7 Rxa6 44.Kh3
 Ra1 45.Kg4!

[And not 45.Rxh7 Ke5=]

45...Rh1 46.Rxh7

[Worse is 46.Kxf4 Rxh4+ 47.Kg3
 Rh1=]

46...Ke5 47.Re7+ Kd5 48.Re4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03
(flawless) /Black=0.35

[Less strong is 48.Kxf4 Rxh4+
 49.Kg3 Ra4±]

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A54

□ **Banoczi,Geza**

2316

■ **Cornelisse,Johnny JA**

2510

BCF-ch Hull (7)

02.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A54: Old Indian Defence with Nf3, but
without e4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3

Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28 Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ 18.e4 Rd4 The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 d6 6.e4 Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.Bg5 0.91/19

[8.g3 1.32/21]

8...Be7± 9.Qc2 White is better. 9...a6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.g3 Ng4 12.Kb1 Qb8 13.Nh2 0.23/22

[13.Re1± 0.85/20]

13...Qa7 14.Nxg4 Bxg4 15.Be3! Qb8 1.39/23

[Better is 15...Bxd1 0.76/23 16.Qxd1 Qb8]

16.Be2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qc8 18.f4 0.88/21

[18.Ka1 1.59/21]

18...b6 1.73/19

[18...exf4± 0.88/21 19.gxf4 Qg4]

19.Rdf1 1.09/17

[19.f5+- 1.73/19 Nf8 20.Rdg1]

19...Qd7 1.86/17

[19...Qg4± 1.09/17]

20.f5+- Nf8

(Diagram)

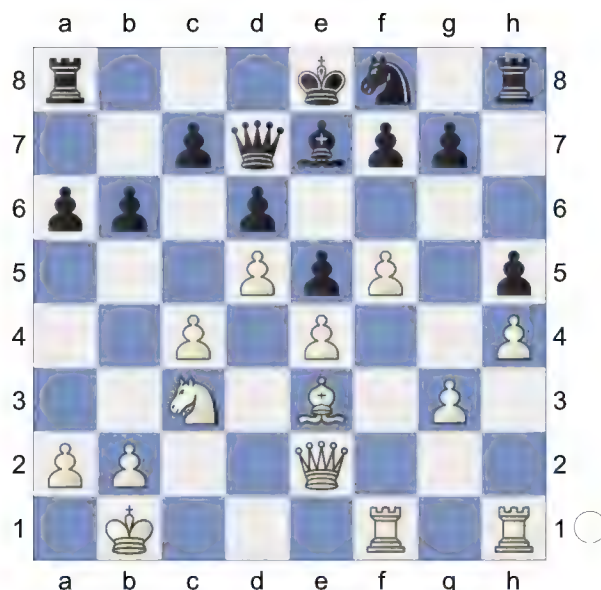
21.f6 1.45/20 Bxf6± 22.Rf5 Rg8 2.08/21

[22...b5± 1.50/21 23.c5 (23.Rxh5 Rxh5 24.Qxh5 b4±; 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Nxb5 Rb8+-) 23...b4]

23.Rhf1

[23.Rxh5 g6 24.Rh6 Bg7±]

23...Qe7 24.Bg5 0.76/21



[24.Qxh5 g6 25.Qg4 Qd7±]

[24.Qf3+- 1.89/18 is more deadly.]

24...Nd7 1.84/21

[24...Bxg5± 0.76/21 25.Rxf7 (25.Rxg5? g6+-) 25...Qxf7 26.Rxf7 (26.hxg5? Qg6+-) 26...Kxf7]

25.Qxh5 0.65/21

[25.Be3+- 1.84/21]

25...0-0-0? 2.32/21 Black is weak on the light squares

[25...g6!± 0.65/21 26.Qh7 Rh8 27.Qxh8+ Bxh8 28.Bxe7 gxf5]

26.Qe2 Kb7 27.g4 0.61/23

[27.Be3+- 1.96/18]

27...Rdf8!± 28.Bxf6 gxf6 1.58/22

[28...Nxf6± 0.67/21 29.g5 Nd7]

29.Nd1 Rh8 30.Rh1 Ka7 31.Ne3 Rb8

32.Rf3 Qe8 33.Nd1 Kb7 34.Ne3 Rh7

35.Nc2 1.35/22

[35.Nf5+- 1.88/20]

35...a5± 36.b4 0.09/22

[36.Ne3± 1.38/22]

36...axb4!= 37.Nxb4 Ra8 Repels Ra3

38.Nc6 Ra4 39.Ka1 -0.37/24

[39.Rhh3= 0.02/22 Qa8 40.h5]

39...Qa8 40.Rb3 -1.48/21

[40.h5= -0.15/20 remains equal.]

40...Nc5± 41.Rb2 -1.99/22

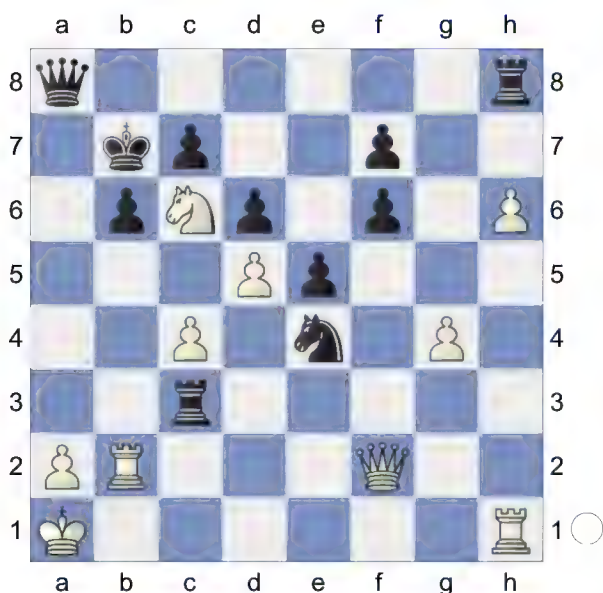
[41.Re3± -1.11/20]

41...Ra3+ 42.h5 Rh8 43.h6 Rc3
White must now prevent ...Qa3. **44.Qf2**
-3.00/19

[44.Rc2± -1.60/17 is the only way for
White. Rxc2 45.Qxc2]

44...Nxe4?? 2.81/14

[44...Nb3+- -3.00/19 and all is fine.
45.Kb1 Rxh6]



45.Qe1!+- Deflection 45...Ng3? 4.90/20

[45...Rxc4 46.Na5+ Kb8 47.Nxc4+-]

[45...f5 46.gxf5 Qa3 47.Qxe4+-]

[45...Qa3 2.68/21]

46.Qxc3 Nxh1 47.Rh2 Nf2 48.Rxf2
Rxh6 49.Qb4 Rh1+ 50.Kb2
And now Qb5! would win. **50...e4**
51.Qb5 1.18/20

[51.Rxf6 Rh2+ 52.Kc3 Qxa2 53.Kd4
Qa1+ 54.Qc3 Rd2+ 55.Kxe4 Qxc3
56.Rf3 Qxc4+ 57.Kf5 Qxd5+ 58.Kf4
Kxc6 59.Re3 Qd4+ 60.Kg5 Qg7+
(60...Qxe3+ 61.Kf6 Qe6+ 62.Kg7
Qxg4+ 63.Kf8 Kd7 64.Kxf7 Rf2#)
61.Kf5 Qg6+ 62.Kf4 Qf6+ 63.Kg3
Qf2+ 64.Kh3 Qh2#]

[51.Qc3+- 1.91/22]

51...e3? 3.56/25

[51...f5± 1.18/20]

52.Re2

[52.Rxf6 Rh2+ (52...e2? 53.Na5+
Qxa5 54.Qc6+ Kb8 55.Qe8+ Ka7
56.Qxe2+-) 53.Kc3 e2 (53...Qxa2?
54.Na5+ Ka7 55.c5-+; 53...Qxa2?
54.Na5+ Ka7 55.c5-+)]

52...f5 53.a4? 0.00/25

[53.Rxe3 Rh2+ 54.Kc1 (54.Kc3?
Qxa2+-) 54...Qxa2=]

[53.gxf5+- 3.17/21 Qh8+ 54.Ka3
Qc3+ 55.Qb3 (55.Ka4 Rh8=)
55...Qc1+ 56.Kb4]

53...Qh8+= 54.Kc2 f4 Threatens to win
with ...Qh7+. Dancing on a razor blade.

55.Na5+? -2.94/24

[55.Nb4!= 0.00/17 and White stays
safe. Kc8 56.a5 bxa5 57.Qa6+
(57.Qxa5? Ra1+-) 57...Kd7 58.Qc6+
(58.Qxa5? Qh7+ 59.Kc3 Rc1+
60.Kb3 Qb1+ 61.Ka4 Qa1+ Skewer
62.Ra2 e2+-) 58...Kd8 59.Qa8+ Kd7
60.Qc6+ (60.Qxa5? Qh7+ 61.Nd3
Qe4+-) 60...Kd8 61.Qa8+ Kd7
62.Qxh8 (62.Qxa5? Qh7+ 63.Nd3
Qe4+-) 62...Rxh8 63.Nd3]

55...Kc8+ 56.Qa6+ -5.28/28

[56.c5 -2.92/17 is a better defense.
dxc5 (56...bxa5 57.cxd6 Rh6
58.Qa6+ Kb8 59.Qb5+ Kc8 60.Qa6+
Kb8 61.Qb5+ Kc8=) 57.Nb3 Qh7+
58.Kb2]

56...Kd7 ...Qh7+ would now be deadly.

57.Qb5+ Ke7 58.Nb3 Qe5 -2.52/18

[58...Rh2 -4.94/23 59.Nd4
(59.Rxh2? Qxh2+ 60.Kd3 e2+-)
59...Qxd4 (59...Rxe2+? 60.Nxe2 f3
61.Qb3+-) 60.Rxh2 Qe4+ 61.Kd1
Qf3+ 62.Kc2 e2 (62...Qxg4? loses.
63.Qc6+-)]

59.Nd2? -8.68/20

[59.Kd3 -2.52/18]

59...Kf6 60.Qd7 exd2 61.Rxd2 Qe4+

Black mates. **62.Kb2 Qb1+**

[Inferior is 62...Qxc4 63.Qd8+ Kg7 64.Qg5+ Kh7 65.Qf5+ Kg7 66.Qg5+ Kh7 67.Qf5+ Kh8 68.Qf6+ Kg8 69.Qg5+ Kf8 70.Qd8+ Kg7 71.Qg5+=]

63.Kc3 Rh3+ Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/
Black=0.54

0-1

A50

□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2770**

■ **Vlassov,Nikolai** **2294**

Titled Tuesday intern op 04th May blitz (3)

[John Emms,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

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Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N**

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992 Qh5 20.Bf4 Ng4 21.h4 Nf6 22.Bg2 Bg4 23.Nc1 Rbe8 24.f3 Bf5 25.e4 Bc8 26.Nd3 Nd7 27.Be3 Ba7 28.f4 f6 29.Qd2 b6 30.f5 Ne5 31.Nxe5 Rxe5 32.Bf4 Re7 33.Qc2 Bb7 34.Bf3 1-0 (58) Agrest,E-Vlassov, N Katowice op 1992) 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2

Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya, E 51/28 Linares 1991; 5.Ng5 Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005; 5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 Ne5 2005 18.e4 Rd4 Dddnddd,D-Chapter Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...Ne5 **4.Nc3!?** True to form, Mamedyarov plays the line with an aggressive twist, offering the c4-pawn as a gambit. **4...Nxc4** This pawn grab looks risky, but Vlassov is a big expert on the Tango. Furthermore, risks like this one are perfectly acceptable in blitz and rapid chess.

[4...e6! is a safe alternative. 5.Qd4!? was Mamedyarov's choice. (5.e4 Bc5! allows Black to meet 6.f4 with Neg4!) 5...Ng6 (5...d6! 6.e4 Be7 7.f4 Ned7 8.Nf3 e5!= intending 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5? Bc5) 6.Nf3 b6 7.Be3 (7.h4!? Bc5 8.Qd3) 7...Bc5 8.Qd2 (Mamedyarov,S-Navalgund,N/Chess. com 2021) and here Bxe3 9.Qxe3 0-0 gives Black good counterplay.]

5.e4 Nb6 6.e5 Ng8 The knights have certainly done their fair share of tangoing here! **7.Nf3** 0.19/19 White is much more active.

[Stockfish is impressed with 7.Nh3!±

0.79/25 here. The advantage of Nh3 over Nf3 is revealed after e6 8.d6! cxd6 9.exd6 Nf6 10.Nf4! after which Black no longer has the resource ... Nd5. Black can break the bind with. Inhibits Nbd5. after which Black no longer has the resource ...Nd5. Black can break the bind with. Prevents Nbd5. g5 11.Nh5 Nxh5 12.Qxh5 Bxd6 but White retains excellent compensation after 13.Bxg5 Be7 14.Be3]

[7.Nh3± 0.62/23 is superior.]

7...e6= 8.Bf4 -0.52/22

[8.d6!± 0.57/23 cxd6 9.exd6 Nf6 prepares ...Nbd5. 10.Bg5! next Qd4 is good for White. h6 11.Bxf6?! -0.78/19 (11.Bh4!± 0.37/23 Threatening Qd4. g5 12.Bg3 Be5 would now be deadly. Hoping for Be5. Nbd5 is critical; 11.Bh4= 0.18/23 remains equal.) 11...Qxf6 12.Be2 Qf4! 13.Nb5 Black must now prevent 0-0. Nd5 aiming for ...a6! 14.Rc1 -1.27/21 (14.0-0 0-0 -0.39/23) 14...Bxd6! 15...Bb4+ would now be deadly. 15.Rc4! Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Qb8 Threatens to win with ...0-0. 17.Rxb4! Nxb4 18.Qd4 (Jobava,B-Sadhwani,R/lichess.org 2020) Nc6 19.Qxg7 Rf8 Hoping for ... a6. 20.Qxh6 is still a bit messy but should be good for Black.]

[8.Bg5 -0.01/22 8.d6 0.52 8.d6 0.36 Be7 9.h4! exd5 0.45/23 (9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Qxd5 transposes) 10.Nxd5 -0.28/25 (10.a4!± 0.45/23; 10.a4! 0.28/24) 10...Nxd5 (10...h6!) 11.Qxd5 transposes

A) 11...c6 0.14/20 11...Bb4+ -0.36;

B) 11...Bb4+= 0.31/23 11...c6 -0.25 12.Nd2 -0.39/20 (12.Kd1!± 0.31/23 Ne7 13.Qb5) 12...Ne7

both with level chances (12...f6);

C) 11...Bb4+= -0.09/25 12.Nd2 c6 13.Bxd8 cxd5;

D) 11...h6?? 8.54/23

D1) 12.Bc4! is game over;

D2) Only move : 12.Bc4+- 8.54/23 d6 13.Qxf7+ Kd7 14.Be6+ Kc6 15.Bxc8 dxe5 (15...Bxg5 16.Qc4+ Kb6 17.Nd4) 16.Qe6+ Qd6 17.Nxe5+ Kb6 18.Nc4+ Pin Ka6 19.Nxd6;

D3) 12.Bd2?? -0.07/20

was a typical blitz double blunder in Nikologorskiy, K-Vlassov, N/ Chess.com 2021.]

[8.Bd3= 0.24/23]

8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Qxd5 Strongly threatening Bc4.

[10.Bd3! Bb4+ 11.Kf1! keeps more tension in the position and is therefore more challenging.]

10...Bb4+! This check disrupts White's development enough for Black to relieve the pressure. 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.Qe4 Bxd2+ -0.36/21 Vlassov simplifies with exchanges.

[12...a5! is a good solution for Black: 13.0-0-0 (13.Bd3 d5! 14.exd6 Bxd6) 13...d5! 14.exd6 cxd6! 15.Bd3 d5 with advantage.]

[12...a5 0-0 -0.80/22 And now ...0-0 would win. 13.0-0-0 0-0]

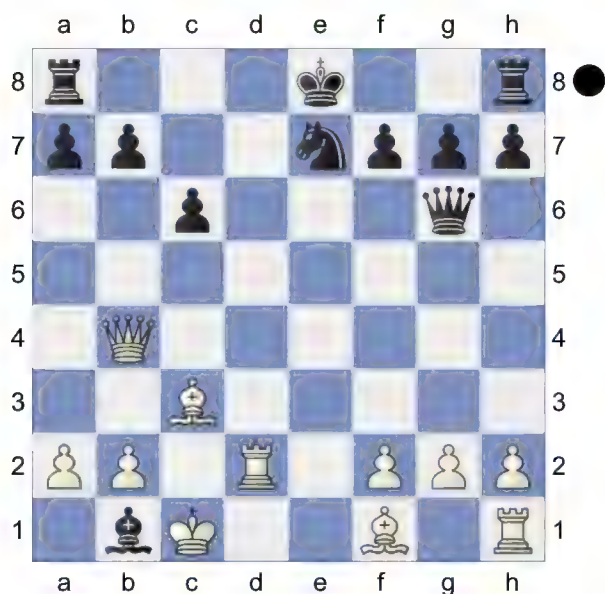
13.Bxd2 d5! 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.0-0-0 Bf5! 16.Qa4+

[16.Qxb7 0-0! with promising attacking chances against the white king.]

16...Qc6+ -0.07/24

[Exchanging queens is a natural reaction here, but after 16...c6! there's no way for White to exploit the discovered attack or the uncastled

king, and 17.Bc3 (17.Bg5 -1.47/22 17.Bc3 -0.45 17.Bc3 -0.60 Nd5!) 17...Qg6! favours Black. aiming for ...0-0. favours Black. ...0-0 is the strong threat. 18.Qb4 Bb1! 19.Rd2 -1.89/22 (White should play 19.Qb3! -0.61/19 0-0 20.h4)



Dodges Qc2+ [#] Repels Qc2+ 19...0-0!+ Strongly threatening ...Nd5. 20.Qxe7 -2.55/24 (20.Bc4 -1.86/21 Nd5 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Rhd1; 20.h4 -1.83/20 Nd5 21.h5) 20...Rae8 is a key resource.]

[Better is 16...Bd7 -0.85/23 17.Qc2 (17.Qa5 0-0) 17...0-0-0]

17.Qxc6+= Nxc6 18.Bc3 0-0 19.Bb5 Rad8

[19...Ne7!]

20.Bxc6! bxc6 21.f3 Now the position is level, but still lots can happen in blitz and Mamedyarov goes on to outplay his opponent 21...Rd5 22.Rxd5 cxd5 Endgame. KRB-KRB 23.Bd4 f6 24.Kd2 a6 25.Rc1 Rf7 26.Rc5 White has compensation. 26...Be6 27.a3 Kf8 28.Bf2

[28.Rc6!? Bc8 29.Bb6= Pin]

28...Ke8 29.Bg3

[29.Ra5 Bc8]

29...Kd8 30.Kc3 Kc8 31.Rc6 Re7 32.Rxa6 Kb7 33.Ra5 c6? 1.95/23

[33...Bf7= 0.30/24 and Black is okay.]

34.Bf2+- Kb8 35.Bg3+ 0.93/23

[35.Bc5+- 1.80/22 d4+ 36.Kxd4 (36.Kd3 Bf5+ 37.Kd2; 36.Bxd4 Bc8±) 36...Re8±]

35...Kb7± 36.Bf2 Ra7+ is the strong threat. 36...Kb8 37.Bc5 Rb7 3.39/19

[37...d4+± 1.69/19 is a better defense. 38.Kxd4 Rd7+ 39.Ke3 (39.Kc3 Rd1 40.Ba7+ Kc7) 39...Bc4]

38.Bd6+- Kc8



39.Ra8+! Kd7 40.Bc5 Bf5 4.08/20

[40...d4+ 2.83/18 41.Bxd4 (41.Kxd4 Rxb2 42.Ra7+ Skewer Kd8+-) 41...h5]

41.b4 Rc7 42.Rg8 Ke6 43.a4 White is clearly winning. 43...Kf7 44.Rf8+ Kg6 45.Rd8 White is clearly winning.

[45.a5 Rc8 46.Rxc8 Bxc8]

45...Rc8 46.Rd6 Kf7 47.a5 Rc7 7.13/20

[47...Ke8 4.41/20 48.a6 (48.Kd4

Bd7) 48...Bd7]

48.a6 Bc8 49.Bb6 Rd7 50.Rxd7+

[Less strong is 50.Rxc6 Bxa6 51.Bd4
(51.Bc5 Bf1±) 51...Bf1=]

50...Bxd7 51.a7 c5 52.a8Q

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very
precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very
precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)

1-0

E10

□ **Vega Gutierrez,Sabrina Neide 2361**

■ **Sosa,Tomas Sebastian 2548**

Santiago de Compostela Bicapawn GP B..

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5
Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6
9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash
Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4
5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3
7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6
10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4
Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5
Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28
Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6
10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+
(18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005
18.e4 Rd4 Dddnddd,D-Chapter
Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.a3 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7
7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 e5 10.dxe5
dxe5 White is slightly better.has lost
popularity (10...Nxe5).verliert an
Beliebtheit (10...Sxe5). **11.Qxd8 Nxd8**
12.Rd1 Ne6 13.Be3

[Much worse is 13.Nxe5 Nxe4
14.Nxe4 Bxe5±]

13...b6 14.Bd3N

[Predecessor: 14.c5 Bb7 **0.74/22**
(14...Nxc5= **0.07/21** keeps the
balance. 15.Bb5 Rf8) 15.Bb5!± c6
16.Bc4! Nxc5 17.Bxc5 bxc5



18.Na4 0.21/21 (18.Ng5!± **1.16/23**
Re7 19.Na4) 18...h6? **1.79/21**
(18...Bf8= **0.21/21** and Black is
okay.) 19.Nxc5+- **Rab8 2.69/24**
(19...Re7 **1.83/20** might work better.
20.Rd6 Ne8 21.Rxg6 Kh7) 20.b4
1-0 (37) **Halkias,S (2528)-Goecke,K**
(2189) Werther 2006]

14...Nd7 15.b4 a5 0.84/20

[15...c6± **0.38/17**]

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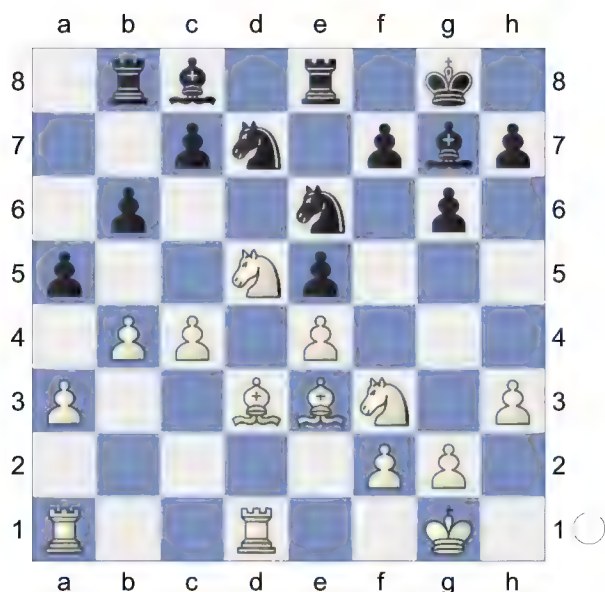
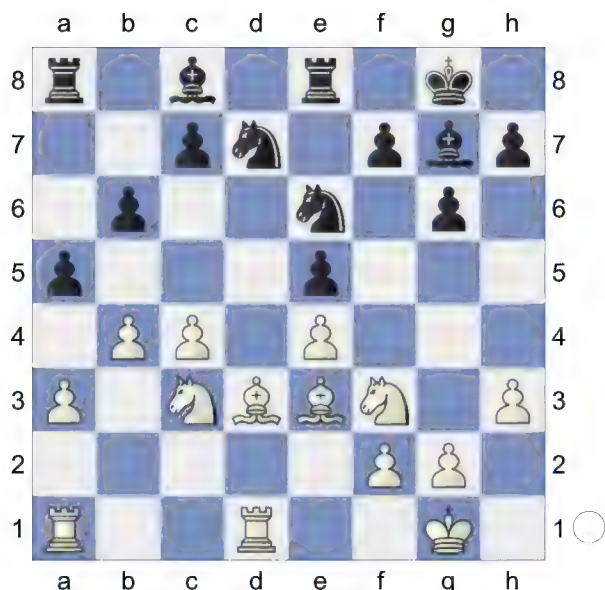
16.Nd5 0.37/21

[16.Bc2!± **0.84/20**]

16...Rb8

(Diagram)

17.c5! Deflection 17...bxc5 18.bxa5



0.24/21

[18.Ng5± 0.60/24 Nxg5 19.Nxc7]

18...c6= 19.Nc3 -0.12/22

[19.Nb6 0.25/25 Nxb6 20.axb6 Rxb6 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Rxb1]

19...Ra8 20.Bc4 -0.40/23

[20.Nd2= 0.10/21]

20...Nd4± 21.Nd2 Rxa5 22.Nb3 -1.21/25

[22.Rdb1± -0.37/23]

22...Ra8± Hoping for ...Nb6. 23.a4 -2.07/23

[23.Rdb1± -1.14/22 keeps fighting.]

23...Ba6 -0.88/22

[23...Nb6+ -2.07/23 24.Nd2 Nxc4 25.Nxc4 Be6]

24.Bxa6 Rxa6

[Much weaker is 24...Nxb3?! 25.Rab1 Rxa6 26.Rxb3±]

25.Nd2 Rb8 Black is more active.

26.Rab1 -1.67/24

[26.a5± -0.97/19 was necessary.]

26...Rb4+ 27.Kf1 f5 Strongly threatening ...f4. 28.f3 -1.93/19

[28.g3± -1.53/21]

28...Kf7 -1.52/18

[28...f4+ -1.93/19 29.Bf2 Bf6]

29.Bf2 -2.67/20

[29.exf5± -1.52/18 gxf5 30.g3]

29...Ke6 -1.54/18

[29...Nb6+ -2.67/20 30.exf5 gxf5]

30.Ke1? -3.87/19 White does not recover from this.

[30.exf5± -1.54/18 is a better defense. gxf5 31.g4]

30...Bh6 31.Ne2 Raxa4 32.Nxd4+ cxd4 Black is clearly winning. 33.Rbc1

c5 34.Rc2 Bxd2+ 35.Kxd2 c4 36.Rdc1 fxe4 37.fxe4 Nc5 Threatens

to win with ...Nb3+. 38.Ke1 Nd3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.22 (precise)

0-1

E33

Maierov, Nikita

2531

Gazik, Viktor

2462

Vaujany op-A 8th (6.3)

18.07.2017

[Gazik, Viktor, MH]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu, M-Akash

Pc,l corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4
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 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4
 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5
Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28
Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6
 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
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Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bd2 d6
7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 a5 9.b3 Qe7 10.e3
e5 White is slightly better. 11.d5

[11.Be2 Bg4 12.0-0 -0.30/21
 (12.d5± 0.32/22 Bxf3 13.gxf3)
 12...e4= 13.Ne1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 d5
 15.Nc2 Qe6 16.c5 h5 17.b4 a4
 18.b5 Ne7 19.Bb4 c6 20.bxc6
 -1.09/21 (White should play 20.Be1±
 -0.55/24) 20...bxc6± 21.Bd2 Rfb8
 22.Rfb1 Rb3 23.Nb4 -1.74/23
 (23.Rxb3± -1.00/24 is a better
 defense. axb3 24.Ne1) 23...Rxb1+
 -1.11/18 (23...h4+ -1.74/23
 ...h3 is the strong threat. 24.h3 g5)
 24.Rxb1± Qc8 -0.21/25 (24...g5±
 -1.17/23 25.h3 h4) 25.Na2 Qc7
 26.h3 g5 27.Be1 Ng6 0.84/27
 (27...g4± -0.31/23 stays ahead. 28.h4
 g3 29.fxg3 Ng4) 28.Rb6 0.04/27
 (28.Qb2!± 0.84/27) 28...g4= 29.Nb4
 Ne7 30.h4 0.03/25 (30.f4± 0.50/24
 deserves consideration. exf3
 31.gxf3) 30...Ne8 0.58/30 (Better is
 30...Kg7= 0.03/25) 31.Qd1 0.16/27
 (31.g3± 0.58/30 was preferrable.)
 31...Qc8 0.58/24 (31...Nf6!= 0.16/27)
 32.Qe2 Qc7 33.Qb2 f5 1.08/23
 (33...Qc8± 0.49/23) 34.g3 Kf7

35.Na2 Ng7 1.41/24 (Δ35...Qc8
 0.78/23) 36.Rb7± Qc8 37.Qb6 f4?
 3.51/19 (37...Ne6± 1.54/21 38.Nb4
 Kf8) 38.Nb4+- Ngf5? 6.18/21
 (38...Kf8 2.98/19 39.gxf4 Qe8
 40.Rxe7 Kxe7 41.Nxc6+ Kf8)
 39.Nxc6+- fxe3 40.Ne5+ Kg8
 Fridman,D (2639)-Kovalenko,I (2702)
 Liepaja 2015 1-0]

11...Nb8 12.Nd2 c6 13.dxc6 Nxc6
14.Bd3 h6 15.0-0 d5N

[15...Be6 16.Qb2 Nd7 17.Rad1
 Rfd8 18.Ne4 0.23/21 (18.f4± 0.67/21
 f6 19.f5) 18...Nb6= 19.a4 f6 20.Ng3
 d5 21.cxd5! Nxd5 22.Bc4 Kh8
 23.Ne4 Rac8 24.h3 Ncb4 25.Bd2
 b6 26.Ng3 Nc6 27.e4 0.03/25
 (27.Qb1± 0.40/20) 27...Nc7 28.Nf5
 Qf8 29.Be3 Rb8 1.57/21 (29...Qb4!±
 0.52/21 30.Qe2 Nd4) 30.Qe2 0.30/19
 (30.Rxd8± 1.57/21 Qxd8 31.Qc1
 Bxf5 32.exf5) 30...Bxf5!= 31.exf5
 And now Rxd8 would win. Nd4
 32.Qg4 b5 33.axb5 Ncxb5 34.Ra1
 Ra8 0.37/19 (34...Na3= -0.01/20)
 35.Rfc1 Rd6? 3.57/22 (35...Qe7±
 0.34/21) 36.Bxb5+- Nxb5 37.Bc5
 Qd8 38.Bxd6 Qxd6 5.29/21
 (Δ38...Nxd6 3.52/17 39.Rc5 Qb6)
 39.Rxa5 1-0 (39) Brynell,S (2498)-
 Klings,P (2178) Helsingor 2012]

16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Bb2 This pair of
 bishops is nice. **17...Be6 18.Nc4 Rac8**
19.Qd2!

[19.Nxe5? too greedy. Nxe5 20.Bh7+
 Kh8-+]

19...Qc7 Strongly threatening ...b5.
20.Rac1 Nxe5! would now be deadly.
20...f6 21.Qe2 Rfd8 22.Bb1 b5
23.Nd2 b4 24.Ne4 Nde7 25.Nc5 Bf7
26.axb4

[26.Bd3! ?]

26...axb4 27.Qc2 Ng6 28.Qe2 Qe7

29.Bf5 Ra8 30.Qb5 Deflection 30...Na5 31.Be4

[Don't play 31.Qxb4 Nxb3 32.Bxg6 Rdb8 33.Bxf7+ Qxf7±]

31...Rdb8 32.Qd3

[32.Qe2!/?]

32...Rd8! 33.Qb5 Rdb8 34.Qe2 Ra7

35.Rfd1 -0.05/25

[35.Qg4± 0.31/23 Nf8 36.f4 Nxb3 37.Nxb3 Bxb3 38.fxe5]

35...Nf8 36.Na6 -0.88/26

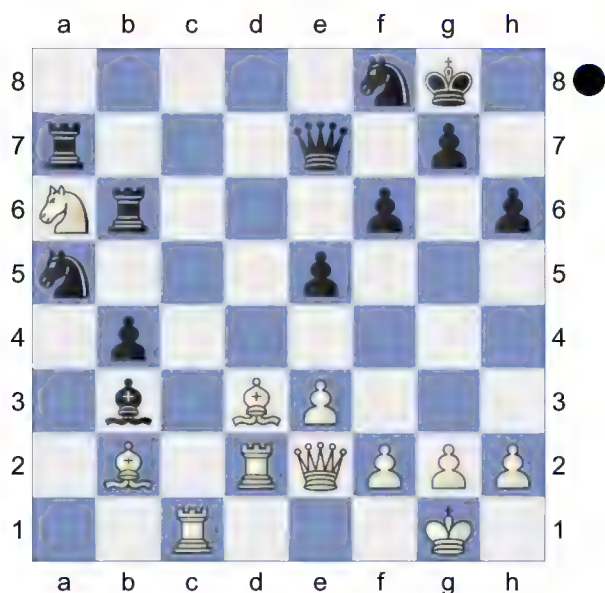
[36.Bd5!= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]

36...Rb6 37.Bd3 -2.68/22

[37.Nc5 ̸ -0.82/22 was the only defense.]

37...Nxb3? -0.76/21

[37...Bxb3 38.Rd2



e4! 39.Bb5

(Diagram)

aiming for Bd4. Rab7!]

[37...Bxb3+ -2.68/22 and Black stays clearly on top. Hoping for ...e4! 38.Ra1 Bxd1 39.Rxd1 Ne6]

38.Rc8 Rd7 -0.55/23

[38...Be6 ̸ -0.97/22 39.Bc4 Rd7



40.Rxd7 Qxd7]

39.Nb8 -1.26/22

[39.h3 ̸ -0.55/23]

39...Rc7 40.Rd8 -3.71/20 Nc5+

[Weaker is 40...Qxd8 41.Bh7+ Kxh7 42.Rxd8 ̸]

41.Bf5 Rcb7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

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E33

□ Varga,Zoltan

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■ Almasi,Zoltan

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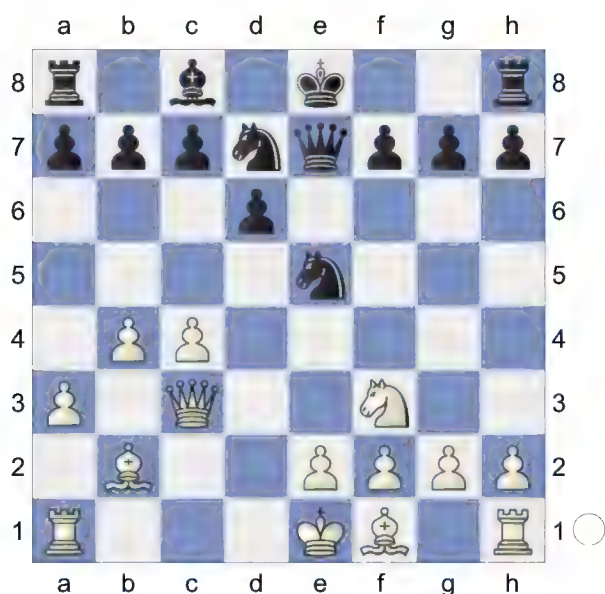
E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5

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Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6
 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6
 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3
 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+
 (18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005
 18.e4 Rd4 Dddndddd,D-Chapter
Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.a3
 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Qe7 8.b4 e5 9.dxe5
 Nxe5 10.Bb2 Nfd7



White is slightly better. 11.c5 0.48/21
 f6± 12.cxd6 0.37/20

[12.Nd4± 0.73/19]

12...cxd6 13.Nd4 aiming for Nf5.
 13...Nb6 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.e3 Na4?
 2.38/19

[15...Qf7= 0.18/20]

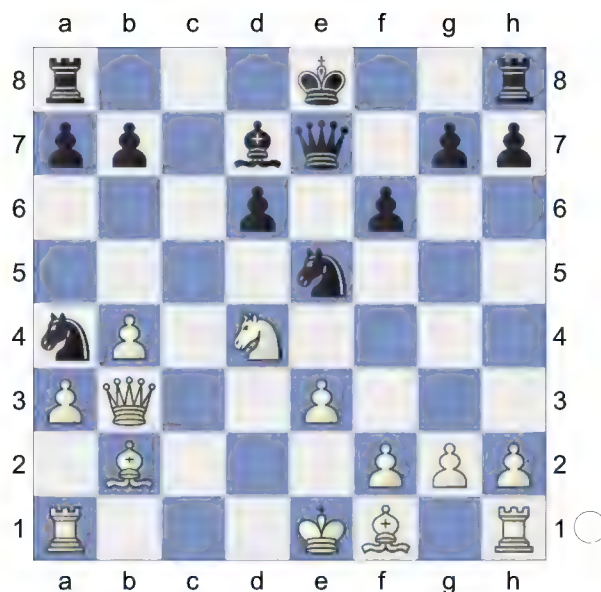
(Diagram)

A mistake that costs the game.
 16.Nb5!+- Rc8 17.Rd1

[Resist 17.Qxa4?! a6±]

17...Nxb2 3.61/21

[17...Nf7 2.53/19 might work better.



18.Nxa7 (18.Qxa4 a6+-) 18...Ra8]
 18.Nxd6+

[Not 18.Qxb2 d5±]

18...Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Rc1+ 20.Ke2
 Strongly threatening Rxd7. 20...Nec4



21.Rxd7 Kxd7 22.g3 Hoping for Bh3+.
 22...Kc7 ...Rd8 would now be deadly.
 23.Bg2 Rxh1 24.Bxh1 Rd8
 Prevents Bd5 25.Be4 Prevents Rd3.
 25...Rd2+ 26.Ke1 g6 3.81/20

[26...Rd1+ 2.34/21 27.Ke2 Rd2+
 28.Kf3 b5 29.Bxh7 Nd1]

27.Bc2 Rd6 28.b5 Kb6 29.h4 Rd5

30.Qc3 f5 31.a4 Kc5 32.Kf1 a6
5.17/19

[32...b6 3.66/20 is a better defense.
33.Kg1 h5]

33.bxa6 White is clearly winning.

33...bxa6 34.Kg2 Rd2



35.g4! fxc4 36.Kg3 h5 37.Qb3 Rd6
38.Qb7 Rb6 39.Qe7+ Rd6 40.Bxc6
Nxa4 41.Bxh5 Nab6 42.e4 Kd4
43.Bxc4 Kc3 44.h5 Rd3+ 45.Kg2
Rd2 46.Qg5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.39

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□ Palo,Davor

■ Nakamura,Hikaru

Sigeman, Copenhagen/Malmö

[R Palliser,MH]

E10

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E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N Surprised
by the Tango, White often responds with
this, steering the game back towards
more usual queen's pawn positions.
Palliser,Richard: 'Instead'

[Instead 3.d5 is a pretty risky advance
which Tango players should relish
seeing. After Palliser,Richard: 'is a
pretty risky advance which Tango
players should relish seeing. After'
Ne5 4.e4 e6! the white centre is
already vulnerable, and even more so
than in similar Alekhine lines. Then a
neat trick which Black should hope for
is Palliser,Richard: 'the white centre
is already vulnerable, and even more
so than in similar Alekhine lines. Then
a neat trick which Black should hope
for is' 5.f4 Ng6 6.Bd3 exd5 7.e5?!
(this looks rather scary, but White is
vulnerable down the e1-h4 diagonal)
Palliser,Richard: '(this looks rather
scary, but White is vulnerable down
the e1-h4 diagonal)' Ne4 8.cxd5
Qh4+! 9.g3 Bb4+ 10.Bd2?
(10.Nd2? Nxc3 11.Ngf3 Nxf4!
is similar, while 10 Nc3 is relatively
best Palliser,Richard: 'is similar, while
10 Nc3 is relatively best') 10...Nxc3
11.Nf3 Nxf4! when the queen is
immune due to the mate, but so too is
she after Palliser,Richard: 'when the
queen is immune due to the mate, but
so too is she after' 12.Bf1 Bxd2+
13.Nbxd2 Qh3! and Black emerged
two pawns to the good in Elburg-
Simmelink, correspondence 1999.
Palliser,Richard: 'and Black emerged
two pawns to the good in Elburg-
Simmelink, correspondence 1999.']

[3.Nc3 is though White's main
alternative when e5 (3...e6 4.e4
Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6
8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3
Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3
2019)

A) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4
6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8

9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4
 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7
 14.Rf4 f5 Dddnddd,D-Condori
Aranya,E 51/28 Linares 1991)
 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6
 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3
 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5
 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+
 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2
 Bf5+ 18.e4 Rd4 The Menagerie-
B1 Ne5 2005;

B) 4.d5 Ne7 sees him gaining space in return for allowing Black reasonable play on the dark-squares. The plan is then ...Ng6, ...Bc5, ...0-0 and ...d6 after which Black can look to advance on the kingside and so White mustn't play too routinely: Palliser,Richard: 'sees him gaining space in return for allowing Black reasonable play on the dark-squares. The plan is then ...Ng6, ...Bc5, ...0-0 and ...d6 after which Black can look to advance on the kingside and so White mustn't play too routinely:' 5.e4 Ng6 6.h4!? (6.Nf3 does though remain common at club level, but with his knight on g6 and bishop on c5, Black has a turbo-charged King's Indian and Palliser,Richard: 'does though remain common at club level, but with his knight on g6 and bishop on c5, Black has a turbo-charged King's Indian and' Bc5 7.h3?! 0-0 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 a5 10.Rb1 Bd7 11.b3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Nh5! 13.Ne2 Nh4! began a strong attack, while White lacked any play of his own, in Firth-Palliser, Huddersfield 2000 Palliser,Richard: 'began a strong attack, while White lacked any play of his own, in

Firth-Palliser, Huddersfield 2000') 6...h5 7.Bg5 is just one way for White to try to cut across Black's plans with an early h4. This position is rather complex, with White's control over g5 often offset by the weakness of g4. Now Palliser, Richard: 'is just one way for White to try to cut across Black's plans with an early h4. This position is rather complex, with White's control over g5 often offset by the weakness of g4. Now' Bc5! is Black's most active move.]

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Tango players shouldn't panic though as instead Black can exploit the pawn's being on e6 with 8...Re8!?, playing along very similar lines to Rozentalis in our next game. Instead a challenging new idea was '6.b4!? Bg7 7.b5 , although Ne7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Be2 b6! 10.0-0 Bb7 11.a4 c5! was an accurate response which led to an unbalanced, but roughly level, position in Ibragimov-Nakamura, Connecticut 2005. Palliser, Richard: 'was an accurate response which led to an unbalanced, but roughly level, position in Ibragimov-Nakamura, Connecticut 2005.'

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[With the bishop on f4, ...d6 and ...e5 will always come with tempo and so I would have preferred 4...Bb4+! 5.Nbd2 d6 . Seirawan-Orlov, Seattle (rapid) 1991 continued Palliser, Richard: '. Seirawan-Orlov, Seattle (rapid) 1991 continued' 6.e3 e5! 7.Bg5 (7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nxe5?? Ne4! would have cost White a piece Palliser, Richard: 'would have cost White a piece') 7...h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.d5 when Orlov's e4!? would have given Black a good game. Palliser, Richard: 'would have given Black a good game.']

5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Nd7?!** Palliser, Richard: 'Nakamura understandably wants to play ... e5, but at times he may be too creative for his own good. However, here his King's Indian approach doesn't appear to have worked as this isn't convincing, but then

after'

[Nakamura understandably wants to play ... e5, but at times he may be too creative for his own good. However, here his King's Indian approach doesn't appear to have worked as this isn't convincing, but then after 8...Re8 Black still isn't really threatening to play ...e5.]

9.Bg5! f6 10.Be3 Ne7 11.Qb3 Kh8 12.c5! It's clear that the opening hasn't been a success for Black, although those who like to play creatively and to experiment have to be prepared for that to occur from time to time. Nakamura is left with a pretty grim Hippo type position and now gambles on his only chance to challenge the strong white centre. Palliser, Richard: 'It's clear that the opening hasn't been a success for Black, although those who like to play creatively and to experiment have to be prepared for that to occur from time to time. Nakamura is left with a pretty grim Hippo type position and now gambles on his only chance to challenge the strong white centre.' **12...f5! 13.Ng5 0.97/23**

[13.Qxe6?! Nxc5 14.Qc4 fxe4 (14...Nxe4 15.d5=) 15.dxc5 d5=]
[Δ13.Rad1 1.41/21]

13...Nb8 14.f4? 0.26/19 Palliser, Richard: 'It's not clear as to why Palo felt the need to clamp down on the e5-square. Instead he should have called Black's bluff with'

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pretty ropey position, such as after Palliser,Richard: 'regains the pawn, but leaves Black still with a pretty ropey position, such as after' ($\Delta 17...Nec6$ 0.85/22) 18.Rad1 0.96/22 (Better is 18.Nb5 1.54/21 Be5 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Nxc3) 18...Nbc6 1.65/20 (18...Be5± 0.96/22) 19.Bc4 0.68/21 . (19.Nb5+- 1.65/20 Be5 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Rxd6)]

[14.Nxe6± 1.02/23 Bxe6 15.Qxe6]
14...fxe4= 15.Ncxe4 Nbc6 aiming for ... Nf5. **16.Rad1** Palliser,Richard: 'No longer was'

[No longer was 16.Nxe6? -2.67/23 16.Rad1 0.28 Bxe6 17.Qxe6 to be recommended due to Nxd4? 0.13/21 , but now Nakamura gets a knight to the strong d5-square after which the game has definitely turned. Palliser,Richard: ', but now Nakamura gets a knight to the strong d5-square after which the game has definitely turned.' (17...Nf5+- -2.09/19 18.Ng5 Nxe3)]

[16.Nxe6? Bxe6 17.Qxe6 Nf5+-]

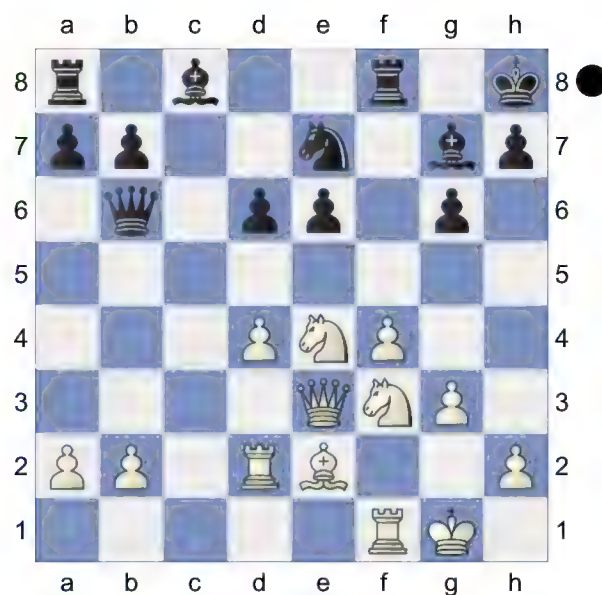
16...Nd5! 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.g3 -0.28/21
 [18.Bg4!± 0.36/18]

18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qb6 The young and very talented American has been rewarded for his boldness and Black's dark-square pressure leaves him very much for choice. Palliser,Richard: 'The young and very talented American has been rewarded for his boldness and Black's dark-square pressure leaves him very much for choice.' **20.Nf3** A dynamic duo of knights.

[20.Nxd6 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxd4+ Nxd4±]

20...Ne7! 21.Rd2 -0.85/24

[21.Qb3= -0.15/22 keeps the balance.]



21...Bd7 -0.27/24

[21...e5!± -0.85/24 White must now prevent ...exf4. 22.Qa3 exf4 23.gxf4 Rxf4]

22.Re1 Rae8 0.00/23

[22...Nf5± -0.38/18 deserves consideration. 23.Qf2 d5]

23.Qb3 Qc7 0.66/21

[23...Qxb3= -0.30/19 24.axb3 Bc6 (24...Nf5 25.Bf1±) 25.Nxd6 Rd8]

24.Bf1 -0.04/22

[White should try 24.Neg5± 0.66/21]

24...Nf5 0.44/22

[24...Bc6!= -0.04/22]

25.Nc3 -0.84/21

[25.Bb5± 0.44/22]

25...Bc6

[25...g5 with more complications. 26.Nxg5 Bxd4+ 27.Kh1 e5]

26.d5? -2.44/23 White does not recover from this.

[26.Ne4 was a better chance as now the position opens up against the white monarch and in favour of the well coordinated black pieces, although White was clearly suffering in any case. Palliser,Richard: 'was a

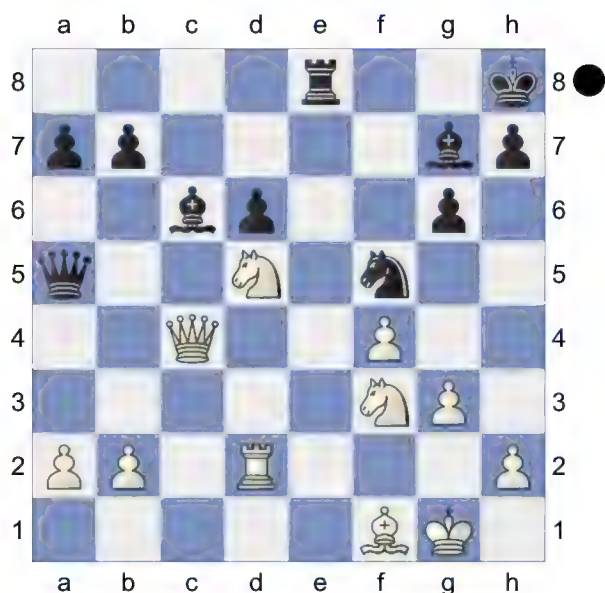
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[26.Ne4 $\mp$ -0.81/20]

26...exd5+ 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Nxd5 -3.30/19

[$\triangle$ 28.Re2 -2.32/19]

28...Qa5 29.Qc4



Ne3! 30.Nxe3 Rxe3 31.Ng5 -4.24/23

[31.Rf2 -2.88/19 is the only way for White.]

31...h6

[31...Qxd2 32.Nf7+ Kg8 33.Nh6+ Kh8 34.Qg8#]

32.Nf7+ Kh7 33.Rxd6 -#12/17

[33.Rf2-+ -4.33/20]

33...Qb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

[Weaker is 33...Bxb2 34.Ng5+ hxc5 35.Qf7+ Deflection, Double Attack Kh8 (35...Bg7 36.Qxg6+ Kh8 37.Qh5+ Kg8 38.Bc4+) 36.Qf8+ (36.Qxg6? is the wrong capture. Re6-+; 36.Rxg6 Rxg3+ 37.hxc3 Qb6+ 38.Kh2 Qf2+ 39.Kh3 Qxf1+

40.Kg4 Qf3+ 41.Kxg5 Qxg3+ 42.Kf5 Qd3+ 43.Kg5 Qd8+ 44.Kg4 Qd7+ 45.Qxd7 Bxd7+ 46.Kg5 Bb5 $\mp$) 36...Kh7 37.Qf7+ Deflection, Double Attack Kh8 (37...Bg7 38.Qxg6+ Kh8 39.Qh5+ Kg8 40.Bc4+) 38.Qf8+ (38.Qxg6? Re6-+; 38.Rxg6? Rxg3+ 39.hxc3 Qb6+ 40.Kh2 Qf2+ 41.Kh3 Qxf1+ 42.Kg4 Qf3+ 43.Kxg5 Qxg3+ 44.Kf5 Qd3+ 45.Kg5 Qd8+ 46.Kg4 Qd7+ 47.Qxd7 Bxd7+ 48.Kg5 Bb5 $\mp$) 38...Kh7 39.Qf7+= Deflection, Double Attack]

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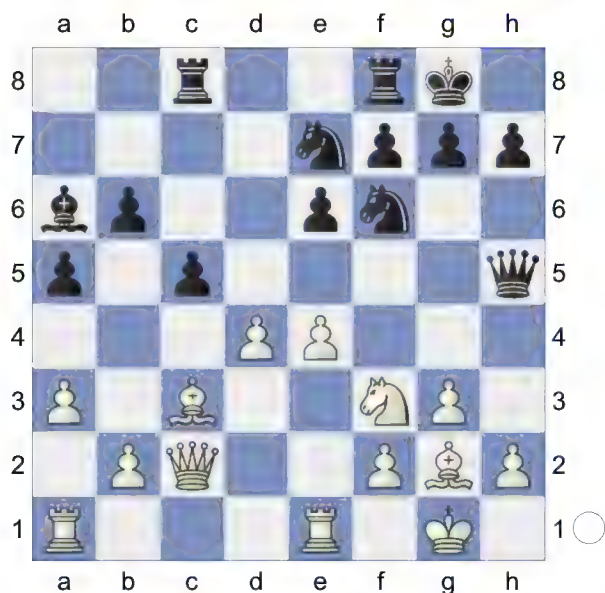
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10.Nc3 Qh5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3
 White is slightly better. 12...b6 13.0-0
 Ba6 14.Qc2 Rac8 1.30/20
 [14...Na7 0.82/19]
 15.Rfe1!± Ne7 16.e4 c5



17.d5 0.26/18 exd5= 18.Bxf6 gxf6
 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nh4 0.00/22
 [20.Rad1± 0.42/24 Rcd8 21.Qb3]
 20...Rce8 21.Qa4 Inhibits Nf4. White
 has compensation. 21...Rd8 22.Bf3
 Qg5 23.Ng2 Bd3 24.h4 -0.21/25
 [24.Rad1 0.25/22 was preferable. c4
 25.Be4]

24...Qf5! 25.Be4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 b5
 27.Qc2 c4 1.14/23
 [27...Rde8= 0.01/22 28.Re2 Re5]
 28.Rae1 0.13/21

[White has to play 28.Rxc4!± 1.14/23
 Qf3 29.Ne1]

28...c3 0.64/21 29.bxc3± Rc8 30.Ne3
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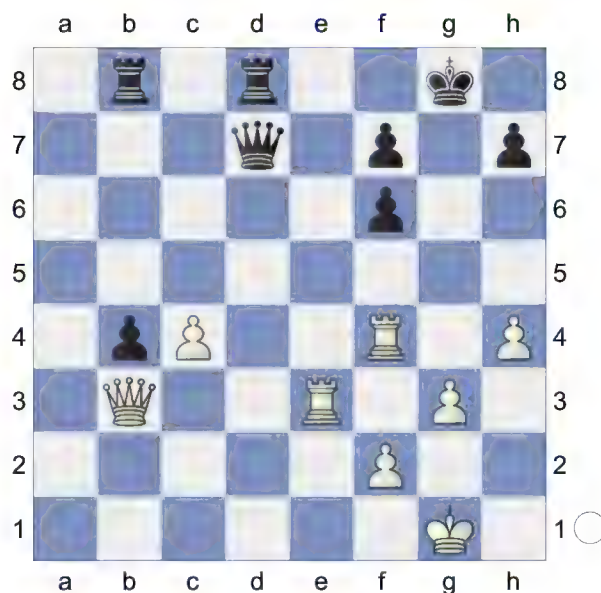
[33...Rce8!= 0.04/17 and Black has
 nothing to worry.]

34.Qb3 1.09/20

[34.Qb2!+- 1.83/22]

34...Rfd8± 35.Rf4 Qd7 2.01/20

[35...Qc5± 1.18/18 was worth a try.]



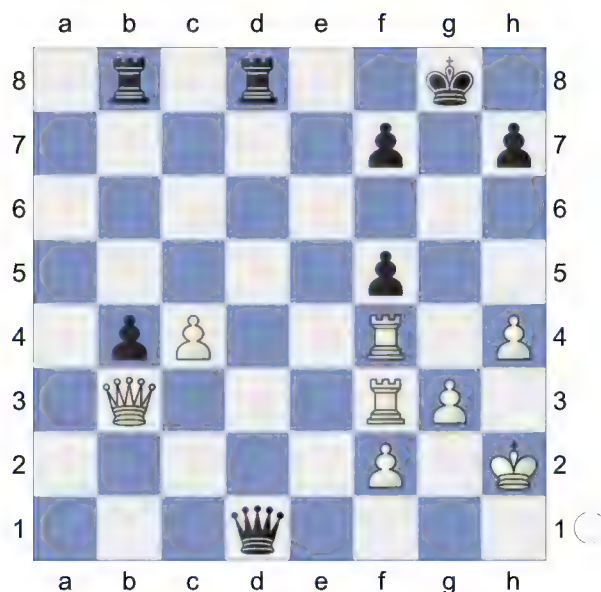
36.Kh2!+-

[36.Rxf6 Qd1+ 37.Kg2 Qxb3
 38.Rxb3 Rdc8]

36...f5 4.57/21

[36...Qc6± 1.56/20 is tougher.
 37.Rg4+ Kh8]

37.Ref3 Qd1



38.Rxf5? 0.54/20

[38.Qb2!+- 3.82/25]
 38...Qxb3± 39.Rxb3+- Endgame. Black must now prevent Rg5+. KRR-KRR 39...Rd4! 40.c5 0.03/28

[White should play 40.Rc5!± 0.55/24]
 40...Rc4= The position is equal. 41.Kg2 Rb5 42.Kh3 Rc3 43.Rb2 b3 ...Rc2! is the strong threat. 44.Rf4 Rcx5 45.Rf3 Rc2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.36

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□ Sadler,Matthew D

■ Bologan,Viktor

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[Kitty Kat]

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E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddnddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28 Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ (18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005 18.e4 Rd4 Dddnddd,D-Chapter Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.a3 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Re8 0.87/21

[8...e5!= 0.25/20]

9.Bd3± White is better. 9...Nd7 10.Be2

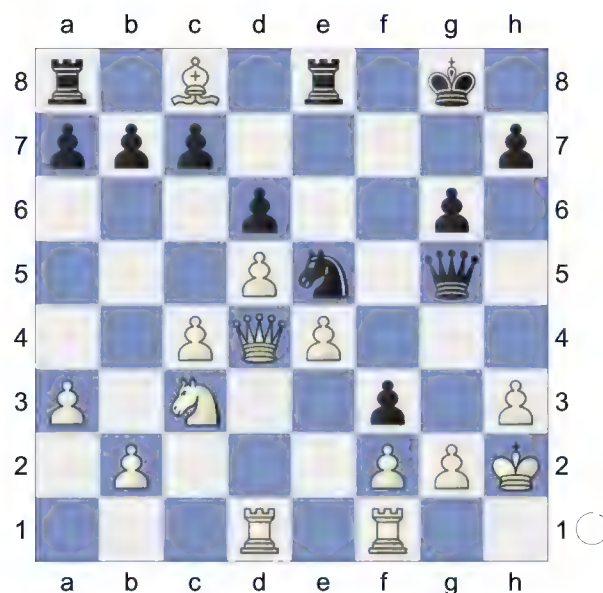
e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Nc5 Threatens to win with ...Nb3. 15.Rd1 Qg5 16.Bf3 f5 17.0-0 0.40/24

[17.h4± 0.82/22 Qh6 18.Qe3 Qxe3+ 19.fxe3]

17...f4 18.Kh2 Nd7! 19.Bg4 Ne5

20.Bxc8 Be6+ is the strong threat.

20...f3!



21.g3 Raxc8 22.Rh1

[22.Qxa7? Ng4+ 23.Kg1 (23.hxg4? Qh6+ 24.Kg1 Qh3 25.Qxb7 Qg2#) 23...Qh5-+]

22...a6 23.Qd2 -0.23/20

[♞23.Nb1 0.28/21]

23...Qxd2

[23...Qh5 with more complications. 24.c5 dxc5 25.d6 cxd6 26.Nd5 Kg7]

24.Rxd2 Nxc4 25.Rd4 Ne5

[25...Nxb2 26.Rb1 c5 27.dxc6 Rxc6 28.Nd5± (28.Rxb2 Rxc3 29.Rxb7 Rc2=)]

26.Rc1 -0.37/24

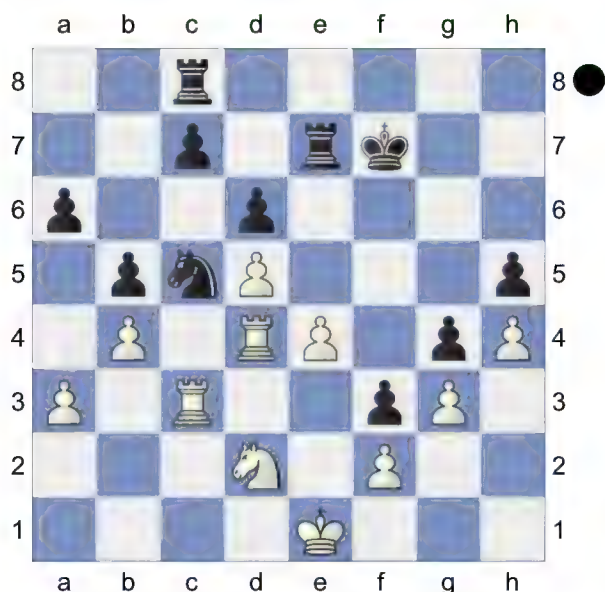
[26.g4= 0.04/23]

26...h5 27.Nb1 -0.68/23

[27.h4= -0.15/20]

27...g5 28.Nd2 g4 29.h4 -1.35/24

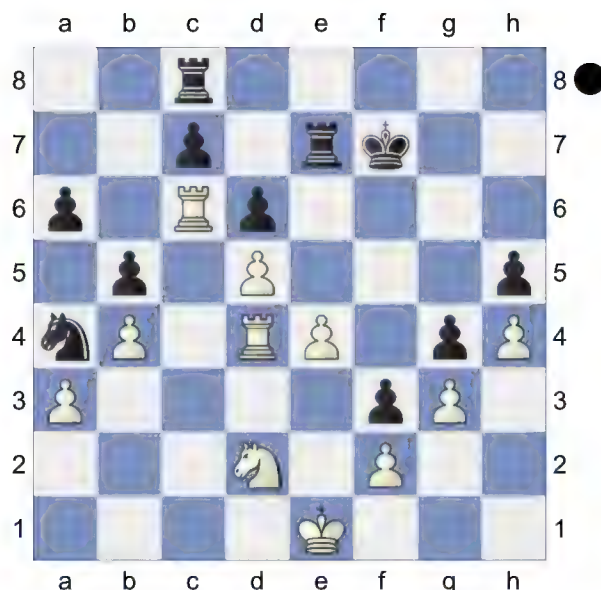
[29.Rc3 $\bar{f}$ -0.61/20]
29...Kf7 $\bar{f}$ 30.Kg1 Re7 -0.93/24
 [Δ 30...b5 -1.29/23 31.a4 Ke7]
31.Kf1 Nd7 -0.63/24
 [Better is 31...b5 $\bar{f}$ -1.05/26 32.Rc3 Rd7]
32.Rdc4 -1.39/24
 [White should try 32.Ke1 $\bar{f}$ -0.63/24]
32...Nf6! 33.R1c3 b5 34.Rd4 Nd7
35.Ke1 -1.64/22
 [35.b4 $\bar{f}$ -1.11/20]
35...Nc5 -0.79/21
 [35...Kf6!-+ -1.64/22 is more deadly.
 Strongly threatening ...Nc5. 36.b4 Ke5]
36.b4



Na4 $\uparrow$ Black has the initiative. Black is more active. **37.Rc6 -1.40/26**
 [37.Rc1! $\bar{f}$ -0.57/24]

(Diagram)

37...a5! Deflection 38.bxa5
 [38.Kd1 axb4]
38...Nc5 Inhibits Nb3. White must now prevent ...Ra8. **39.Kd1 -1.97/24**
 [39.Rb4 $\bar{f}$ -1.15/24]



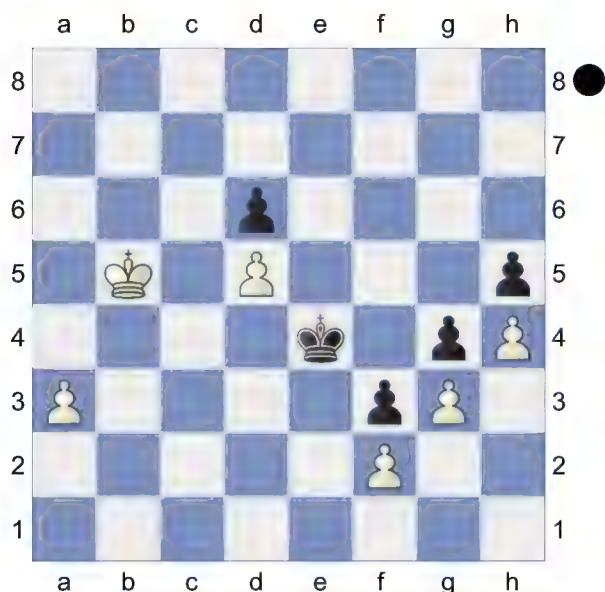
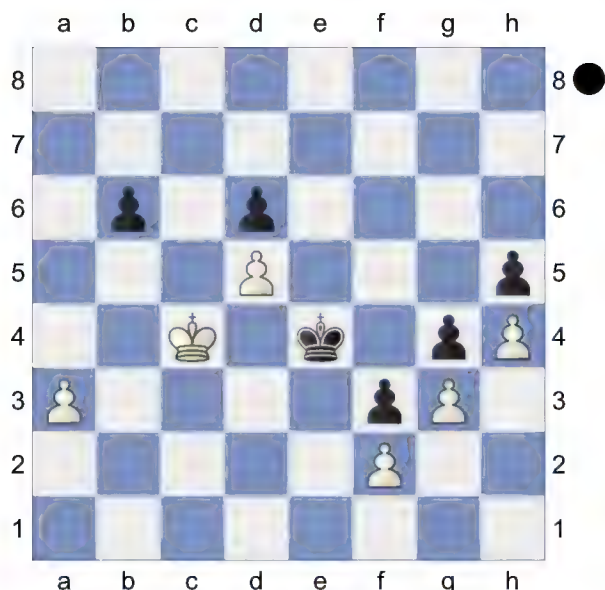
39...Ra8-+ 40.a6 -2.85/24 Nxa6 41.Rc3 Nc5 42.Kc2 Kf6 Hoping for ...Ra4.
43.Rb4 Ra5? -0.76/22
 [43...Ra4-+ -2.64/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.Re3 Re8]
44.Re3? -2.72/20
 [44.Nb3 $\bar{f}$ -0.76/22 was the only defense. Rxa3 45.Nxc5 Rxc3+ (45...dxc5 46.Rxa3 cxb4 47.Ra6+ Ke5 48.Kd3=) 46.Kxc3 dxc5 47.Rxb5 Rxe4 48.Rxc5]
44...Re8 45.Kc1 -4.18/24
 [Δ 45.Rc3 -2.86/22]
45...Ke5 46.Kc2 Rea8 47.Kb2 R8a6 48.Ka2 Ra4 Black is clearly winning.
49.Rxb5 Rb6
 [49...Nxe4 50.Kb2 Rd4 51.Nb1-+]
50.Rxb6 cxb6 Endgame. KRN-KRN
51.Kb2 Nxe4 52.Kb3 Rd4 53.Nxe4 Rxe4 54.Rxe4+ Kxe4 KP-KP 55.Kc4

(Diagram)

b5+! Deflection 56.Kxb5

(Diagram)

Kd3! ...Ke2 would now be deadly.



57.Kc6 Ke2 58.Kxd6 Kxf2 59.Ke5 Kxg3 (-> ...f2!) 60.d6 f2

[60...Kxh4 61.d7 Kg3 62.d8Q= (62.d8B? f2-+)]

61.d7 f1Q

[And not 61...f1B 62.d8Q (62.d8B Kh2=) 62...Bg2 63.Qd2 (63.Qg5 Bf3+-) 63...Bc6 64.Qc3+ Kh2 65.Kf4 (65.Qxc6 g3 66.Qc2+ g2 67.Kf4 Kh1 68.Qe4 Kh2 69.Qe2 Kh1) 65...Bf3 66.Qe3]

62.d8Q Kh3 63.Qd7 Kxh4 64.Qd4 Kh3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/
Black=0.19 (very precise)

0-1

E33
2602
2577
FIDE-Wch k.o. (1.5) 27.11.2001
[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3N

[3.Nc3 e5 (3...e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bd3 Erdogdu,M-Akash Pc,I corr WC39/ct/3 2019) 4.Nf3 e4 5.Ne5 (5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 Dddndddd,D-Condori Aranya,E 51/28 Linares 1991) 5...Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ (18) The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005 18.e4 Rd4 Dddndddd,D-Chapter Catalan Slav 51/28 Linares 1991]

3...e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.e3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.a3 -0.57/28

[White should play 10.Bd3= -0.06/20]

10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Bf5 12.Qb3 -0.89/23

[12.Qd1 -0.48/23]

12...Ne4 13.Be2 a5 14.Rc1 a4 15.Qd1 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Nd2 Nxc3 18.Rxc3 d5 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.0-0 Rad8 0.05/24

[20...Rfd8! -0.39/24 21.Nc4 Qb5]
21.Nc4= Qxd1 0.52/23

[21...Qb5= 0.05/21 deserves consideration. 22.Qe1 Bg6]

22.Rxd1± Strongly threatening Nb6.

22...Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 Black is now going downhill. **23...Rd8 24.Bxa4** aiming for Kf1. **24...b5 25.g4!**

[25.Bxb5? Rd1#]

25...bxa4 1.53/19

[25...Be4± 0.62/26 26.f3 (26.Bxb5? Rd1#) 26...bxc4 27.fxe4 Na5]

26.gxf5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **26...Rb8 3.06/23** Inhibits Nb6.

[26...Ne7 1.61/22 was worth a try. 27.Kf1 (27.Nxe5 Rd1+ 28.Kg2 Nxf5±) 27...Nxf5]

27.Rd3 Rb5 28.Rd7



Rc7 is the strong threat. **28...e4? 4.16/21**

[28...f6 1.78/22 keeps fighting. 29.Rc7 Na5 30.Nxa5 Rxa5]

29.Rc7+- Ne5 30.Nxe5 Rxe5 KR-KR 31.Rc4 Rb5 32.Rxe4

[Inferior is 32.Rxa4 Rxb2 33.Rxe4 Rb5=]

32...Rxb2 33.Rxa4 White is clearly winning. **33...Ra2 34.Kg2 g6 35.fxg6 fxg6 36.Ra7 g5 37.h3 Kf8 38.Kg3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very

precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

E30
 ♖ **Fernandes, Antonio** 2480
 ♜ **Mellado Trivino, Juan** 2460
 Elgoibar 08th (1) 21.11.1998
 [Avrukh, Boris, MH]

E30: Nimzo-Indian: Leningrad Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6!? Interesting idea-black wants to use white's second move and plays very aggressive in the opening.

3.Nf3 e6 4.Bg5N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...h6 5.Bh4?! Bb4+ 6.Nc3 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4?

Very seldom in practice of chess professionals we can see the decisive mistake on seventh move. Here in the game Mellado missed two good possibilities and gets almost hopeless position. **8.Qd3 d5 9.e3 h5 10.h4!± g4** Black is slightly better. **11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Qd6 0.00/21**

[12...Bf8!± -0.54/20]

13.Kf2= Rh6 0.60/23

[13...b6!= 0.00/21]

14.Ne2 -0.27/20

[Better is 14.c5± 0.60/23 Qe7
(14...Rf6+ 15.Kg1=) 15.Kg1]

14...e5 15.Kg1 Bxd2 0.42/24

[15...Bf5± -0.55/23 16.Qxf5 Bxd2]

16.Qxd2± exd4 17.exd4 dxc4 18.Kh2 Bf5 1.09/21

[18...Bd7 0.72/21]

19.d5± Black must now prevent Re1.

White has strong compensation.

19...0-0-0 20.Qg5 Ne7 21.Nd4! Bd7

22.Re1 Ng8 1.87/19

[22...Nxd5 23.Bxc4 Nb6 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.Qxf5+ Kb8 26.Rd1 (26.Bxf7 Rf6±) 26...Qxd1 27.Rxd1 (27.Bxf7? Qd2+) 27...Rxd1 28.Bb3= (28.Qxf7 Rh8=; 28.Bxf7 Rc6±)]

[22...Rf6!± 0.56/19]

23.Bxc4+- Black was able to develop their queenside pieces without material losses, but now they almost haven't useful move. On the other side white starts to play slowly and black immediately blundered with the next move..

23...Qc5?? 2.77/24

[23...Rg6 1.92/17 24.Qc1 (24.Qxh5 Qb4±) 24...Rf6]

24.Nf5 Now white wins a piece and the game is over. **24...Rg6 25.Qf4**

[25.Qxh5? Qxc4 26.d6 Bc6+ (26...cxd6? 27.Qxg6 Remove Defender fxc6 28.Nxd6+ Kc7 29.Nxc4+-; 26...Qxa2? 27.dxc7 Kxc7 28.Nd4±; 26...Nf6 27.Ne7+ Kb8 28.Qe5±)]

25...Rf6 26.Qd4? 0.11/27

[26.Re5+- 2.25/20 Threatens to win with d6! Qf8 27.Rf1]

26...Qxd4 27.Nxd4 Bf5 28.Re5 Bg6

29.Rc1 a6 30.Ne2

[30.a4 is interesting. Kd7 31.Rce1 Rb6 32.b3]

30...Rf5 0.75/28

[30...Rb6= 0.10/25]

31.Re3

[31.Rxf5!? Bxf5 32.Rf1±]

31...Nf6 1.19/23

[31...Rf6± 0.41/26]

32.Nf4± aiming for Nxg6. **32...Nxd5 1.75/29**

[32...Re8± 1.09/24 is a better defense. 33.Rxe8+ Nxe8]

33.Bxd5 Rfxd5 34.Nxd5 Rxd5

Endgame. KRR-KRB **35.Re7 c6**

36.Rce1 White is more active. **36...Kb8 2.07/28**

[36...Rb5 1.61/23]

37.R1e5 Rxd5 would now be deadly.

37...Rd2 38.Re2! Rd1 39.Re1 1.35/25

[39.b4+- 1.85/25]

39...Rd2 40.R7e2 0.91/24

[White should try 40.R1e2! 1.54/25 Rd4 41.Re8+ Ka7 42.a3]

40...Rd3 41.Re3 0.87/24

[41.Re8+ 1.25/26 Ka7 42.R1e3]

41...Rd7 1.54/26

[41...Rd4 0.87/24]

42.Kg1 0.96/25

[White should play 42.a3 1.54/26]

42...Ka7 43.Re7 Rd2 44.R1e2 Rd1+

45.Kf2 c5 1.36/21

[45...Kb6 0.73/25]

46.Rc7 c4 2.34/24

[46...Rc1± 1.57/21 47.b4 Kb6]

47.Ke3 And now Rd2! would win.

[47.Rxc4 Bd3 48.Rc5 Bxe2 49.Kxe2 Rg1±]

47...Rd5 3.06/21

[47...Kb6 1.71/21 keeps fighting. 48.Rxc4 Bd3 49.Rb4+ Kc5 50.Rxb7 (50.Rd4? Bxe2 51.Rf4 Bc4+-) 50...Bxe2 51.Kxe2 Ra1]

48.Rd2+-

[48.Rxc4 Bd3 49.Rcc2 Bxe2 50.Rxe2 f6=]

48...Rd3+ 5.26/23

[48...Re5+ 3.06/22 was worth a try.

49.Kd4 Re1 50.Rxc4 (50.Kxc4? is the wrong capture. Rc1+ Skewer 51.Kd5 Rxc7+-) 50...Re7]

49.Rxd3 cxd3 KR-KB 50.b4 Kb6 51.Rc5 Ka7 52.Kf4 And white's attack must be decisive with so bad black's king. 52...Kb8 53.Ke5 b6 54.Rc1 Kb7 55.a3 And i think in this case white's attack is very strong. 55...Kb8 56.Kd5 Kb7 57.Kd6 Be4! And white hasn't sufficient compensation for the piece. 58.Ke5 Bg6 59.Kd5 Bf5 60.a4

[Less strong is 60.Rd1 Kc7 61.Rc1+ Kd8+-]

60...Bg6 61.a5 b5

[61...Bf5 62.Kd4 Bg6 63.Ke3 bxa5 (63...Bf5 64.Rf1 Bg6 65.Rf6 '?!' Avrukh,B.) 64.bxa5 Bf5 65.Rf1 Bg6 66.Rf6 Ka7 67.Kf4 Kb7 68.Rb6+ ½-½ Rogers,I-Bosch,J/Wijk aan Zee 1997/EXP 60 (16) Another opportunity is : 68...Ka7 (68...Kc7 Strongly threatening ...d2. 69.Ke3) 69.Kg5]

62.Re1 Kc7 63.Kc5!? also deserve serious attention f.e. 63...Bf5

[63...Kd7 64.Kb6 Kd6 65.Kxa6 Kd5 66.Kxb5 Kd4 (66...Be4 67.a6 Bxg2 68.Ka5 Bf3 69.Re8) 67.a6 d2∞ 68.Ra1 Be4! 69.Ka5]

64.Re7+ Kd8

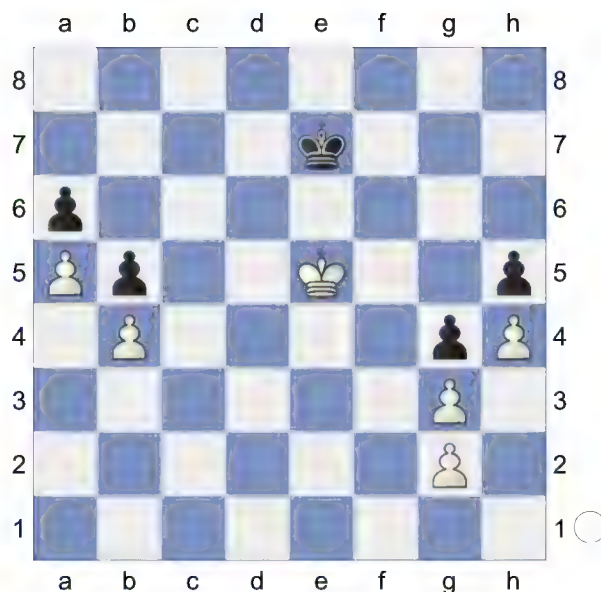
[64...Kc8 65.Kc6 Kd8 Wards off Re8+ 66.Rxf7 Be4+ and black is OK. 1-0 Mikhalevski,V-Milov,L/Dieren 1997/EXT 97 (33) 67.Kd6 Kc8 68.Rf2]

65.Re1

[65.Rxf7

A) 65...d2 66.Rxf5 Rd5+ would kill now. d1Q→ 67.Rd5+? Qxd5+ 68.Kxd5 Kd7 69.Ke5! Kc6+- (69...Ke7

(Diagram)



70.Kf5!) 70.Ke6 Kc7 71.Kf6!? Kd6 72.Kg5 Kd5 73.Kxh5 Kc4 74.Kxg4 Kxb4 75.h5 Kxa5 76.h6;

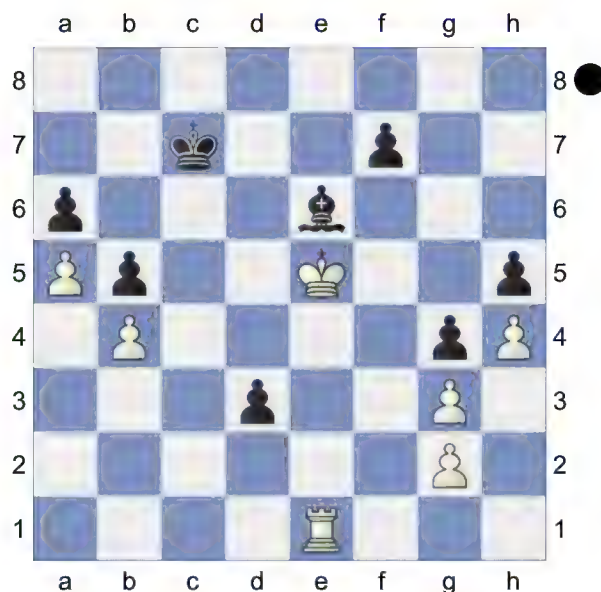
B) 65...Be6 66.Rf2 Bb3∞ (66...Kc7 67.Kd4 Bc4 68.Ke3?! Kd7 69.Rf5) 67.Kd4?! Bc4 68.Ke3 Ke7 69.Rf5 Bf7 70.Rg5]

65...Kc7 66.Kd5 Be6+ 6.09/26

[66...Kc8 4.26/21 67.Kc6 Kd8]

67.Ke5 -6.68/21

[67.Ke4+- 6.09/26]



67...Bb3!+- 68.Re3 d2 A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=0.53. Loss on time!?

1-0

A50
 □ Blokh,Maksimvladimirovich **2605**
 ■ Goth_Jiri/Sevecek_Rudolf **2560**
 CCOL11 fin-06 9298 1992
 [Sevecek,Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:
Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7
cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5
4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
(2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.h4

[6.Nf3 -0.21/20 6.h4 0.77]

6...Bc5

[6...h5+ 7.Bg5]

7.h5 Nf8 8.h6

[8.Nf3 -0.04/19 8.h6 1.02 Ng4]

[8.Be2 h6]

8...gxh6 White is better.

[8...g6 2.18/21 8...gxh6 0.93

A) 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Be3 1.17/21
(10.Qa4+- 2.09/21);

B) 9.Be2+- Be7 2.05/22 (9...d6
10.Bg5; 9...d6± 1.42/20 10.Bg5
c6) 10.f4 1.21/20 (10.Be3;
10.Qa4+- 2.05/22) 10...d6± 11.Be3
N8d7 12.f5]

9.Bxh6 0.65/21

[9.Be2 h5 1.01/20 (9...Rg8± 0.60/21)
10.Bg5 0.21/21 (10.Qa4± 1.01/20)
10...Rg8]

[9.Qa4± 1.05/18]

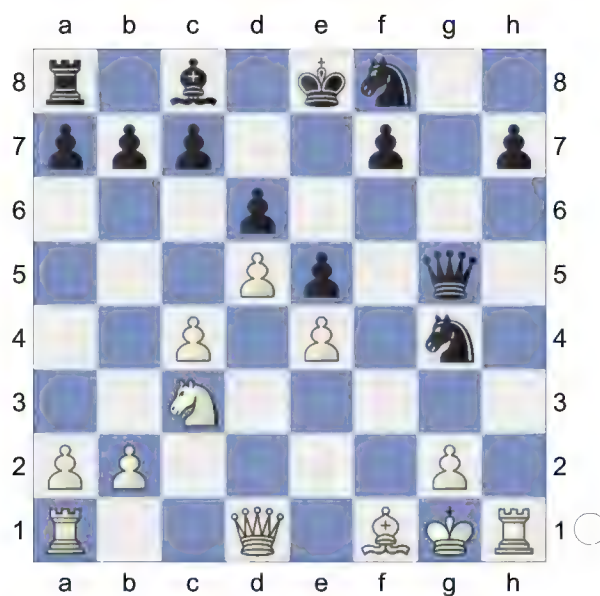
9...Rg8

[9...d6 10.Bg5 Rg8! 11.Nf3 -0.24/21
(11.Qd2 -0.51/19 11.Bd2 0.44
Bxf2+!; ∆11.Bd2 0.28/21)

A) 11...Bg4 0.81/20 11...h6 -0.24
12.Qd2;

B) 11...h6!= -0.24/21 12.Bh4
(12.Bxf6 Qxf6) 12...Ng6;

C) 11...Bxf2+ 0.95/18 12.Kxf2±
Ng4+ 13.Kg1+- Rxg5 14.Nxg5
Qxg5



15.Qc1!]

10.Nh3 0.34/21

[10.f3± 0.91/23]

10...Ng4 11.Bd2 d6

[11...Qf6 1.47/20 11...d6 0.63
12.Qe2 d6 13.f3 Against h5 Qh4+
14.Kd1]

12.Qe2

[12.Bd3 -0.68/21 12.Qe2 0.63 Nxf2
13.Nxf2 Rxc2-+]

[12.Qf3 Rg6 0.99/17 (12...h5±
0.34/20)]

12...c6 1.24/21

[12...f5 13.g3 (13.0-0-0 0.29/18
13.g3 0.69 f4!)]

[Better is 12...h5± 0.57/20]

13.0-0-0 cxd5 1.54/18

[13...Nf6 1.07/19]

14.exd5± f5 15.f3 Nf6 16.Bg5 1.14/23

[16.Na4 Black must now prevent
Nxc5. Bd4-+ 17.Bg5 0.78/18
(17.Bf4 1.21/18) 17...Kf7]

[16.Nf2+- 1.69/18]

16...Bd7

[16...h6 17.Bxh6 0.73/18 (17.Be3
1.38/19 b6 18.Qd2) 17...Nh5±
18.Qe1 Hoping for g4! Ng3 19.Rh2!
Qh4 20.Bd2 (20.Be3 Bxe3+
21.Qxe3 c5 would now be deadly.
Nxf1 22.Rxf1 aiming for f4. Qxc4)]

17.f4 Qe7 1.71/21

[17...e4 threatening ...Bb1-+. 18.g4
h6!]

A) 19.gxf5 hxc5 1.11/20
(19...Bxf5± 0.68/22 is superior.
20.Bxf6 Qxf6) 20.fxg5± Bxf5
21.gxf6 Qxf6-+ 22.Nxe4 Qh6+?
4.75/21 (22...Bxe4± 1.04/21
23.Qxe4+ Qe5 24.Qxe5+ dxe5)

(Diagram)

23.Neg5+? -0.35/19 (White must
play 23.Nhg5!+- 4.75/21 Qg7
24.Nxc5+ Qe7 25.Re1 Qxe2
26.Rxe2+ Kd8 27.Nf7+ Kc7
28.Re7+ Kb6 29.Nxd6 Kxc5



30.Nxf5) 23...Kd7!;

B) 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.gxf5 0-0-0
2.07/20 (20...Bxf5± 0.98/22
21.Nxe4 Bxe4) 21.Nxe4+- Qxf5-+
22.Nxc5 dxc5]

[17...Ng6 18.Nf2-+ 0.27/16 (18.a3±
1.24/21)]

[17...e4± 0.99/20 is a better
defense.]

18.fxe5+-

[18.g4? 0.07/20 18.fxe5 1.75 Rxc5!
19.fxg5+- -1.41/21 (19.Nxc5= 0.07/20
Nxc5 20.Ne6 Nxe6 21.dxe6 Bxe6
22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Nd5 Qg5+ 24.Kb1)
19...Nxc4]

[18.a3 Ng6 2.10/22 (18...h6!±
0.61/19 19.Bxh6 e4) 19.b4+- Bb6]

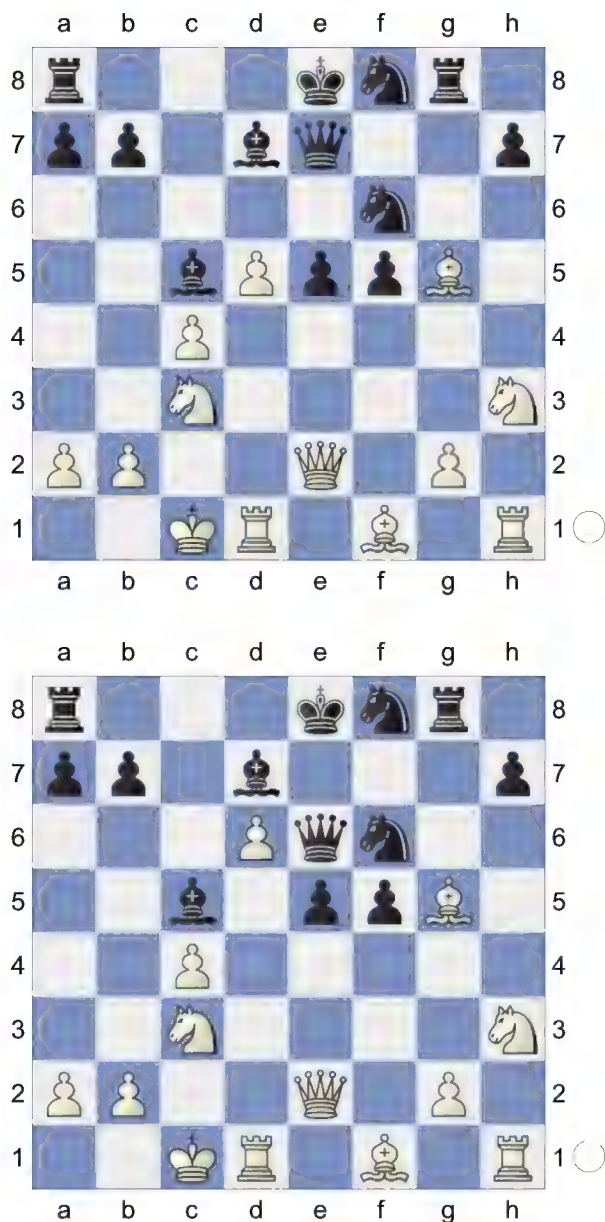
18...dxe5

(Diagram)

19.d6! Qe6

[19...Bxd6? 4.45/21 19...Qe6 1.92
20.Nd5]

(Diagram)



20.Nf4! **exf4** **21.Qxe6+**

Remove Defender

[21.Bxf6 1.03/17 21.Qxe6+ 2.05 Be3+]

21...Nxe6! 2.36/17

[21...Bxe6 1.84/19 22.Bxf6 b6]

22.Bxf6 Rg6 23.Nd5 Kf7! 4.09/19

[23...h6 24.Bd3! Sevecek]

[23...Nf8 2.78/18 24.Bd4 Bxd6 25.Nf6+ Rxf6]

24.Rxh7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.36. Loss on time!?

[24.Rxh7+ Ng7 25.Be5! Bxd6 26.Nxf4 Bxe5 27.Rxd7+]

0-1

A50

□ **Sidelines**

■ **2...Nc6 4.Nc3 e5**

Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - [Swiercz,Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' **1.d4 Nf6**

2.c4 Nc6 The knights' Tango (at least I am pretty sure that is the name of this line!) is a rather speculative opening choice. **3.Nc3** The most natural move, intending e4. **3...e5** Generally this is the main idea behind playing ...Nc6. **4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7

[4...Nb8 5.Nf3 d6 transposes.]

5.Nf3 Ng6 Instead of playing ...d6, Black tries to develop the bishop to c5

or b4 first. As logical as it is, it comes with a certain drawback. White is better. **6.h4!** White can challenge the Ng6 and gain space on the kingside. Black must now prevent h5. **6...h5**

[Black must prevent h5. 6...d6 7.h5 Nf4 8.Bxf4 exf4 9.Qd4± is at least an extra pawn.]

[6...e4 7.Ng5 Bb4 8.h5 Ne5 9.h6±] **7.a3!?** Stopping ...Bb4 and ... Bc5.

Inhibits Bb4. **7...a5 8.Bg5 d6**

[8...Bc5 1.37/22 8...d6 0.99 9.e3±]

9.e4 White is more active. **9...Be7 10.g3±** Of course, with such a space

advantage White is clearly better. White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

A50

□ **Bu,Xiangzhi**

■ **Christiansen,L**

Game 46 Deizisau

2000

[J Schuyler,MH]

A loss for Black - can this be right?

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0

The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.a3 Bc5 7.Bd3 0.23/23

[7.b4± 0.87/22 Bd4 8.Nge2]

7...a5= 8.Rb1 d6 The position is equal.

9.h3 0-0 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Ba7

12.g3?! Ne8?! -0.12/20 This awkward

move prepares the ...f7-f5 break, but Black never gets to execute this plan.

[Besides, 12...c6! is just sitting there waiting to be played. Yet again. One benefit to ...c7-c6 is that after ... c6xd5 c4xd5 White can no longer shut out the monster a7-bishop. Black would then be significantly better.]

[12...c6̄ -0.52/22 should be considered.]

13.Nf3 Bd7

[Black realizes that 13...f5?! 0.48/22 13...c6 -0.10 hurts his position, trading off White's lame light-squared bishop and allowing White to castle without dropping the h3-pawn. After the text move, White has equalized - though not for long.]

14.Bg5?! -0.73/18

[14.Kf1! Qc8 15.Kg2 was correct.]

[14.Kf1= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]

14...Qc8! 15.g4 c6 16.Ne2 -1.36/21

[16.Qc1̄ -0.69/19]

16...h6 17.Bd2 cxd5 18.cxd5 Qd8 -0.87/21

[♠18...Nf6 -1.39/19 Threatens to win with ...Nxg4! 19.Nfg1 Bb6]

19.Ng3 Bb6 20.0-0 Nf4! 21.Bxf4 exf4

22.Nh5 Nf6 23.Nxf4 Re8 Black's pawn

sacrifice has removed White's best minor piece from play and opened the gates for Black's pieces. This is a thematic idea in the Dark Knight System, and indeed in any position where the opponent has put most of his pawns on one colour (especially in the vicinity of his king). **24.Qc2 Rc8 -0.14/20**

[Houdini points out 24...g5! 25.Ng2 the knight's idiot square; (but if 25.Ne2 h5!) 25...Rc8! and 26...Nxe4. In the game White's knight becomes a real pain in the keister.]

[24...h5? -0.72/23 Strongly threatening ...Rc8. 25.g5 (25.gxh5 Rc8=) 25...Ng4]

25.Qb2!=

[25.Qe2? g5 26.Ng2 Nxd5-+]

25...Nxe4 With the idea ...Ng5. **26.Nh5! Nc3 ...Re5** would now be deadly.

[26...Nf6 simplifies 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6 28.Qxf6 gxf6 29.Nd2 Rc3]

27.Rbc1

[Had White played 27.Rfc1! 0.08/19 27.Rbe1 0.49, he could have gone for g6! 28.Rxc3 Rxc3 29.Qxc3 gxh5 30.gxh5 with no fear of. Kh1 is the strong threat. Bxh3? 3.34/20 . (30...f5= 0.06/25 and Black has nothing to worry.)]

27...g6!

[27...Nxd5 28.Qxg7#]

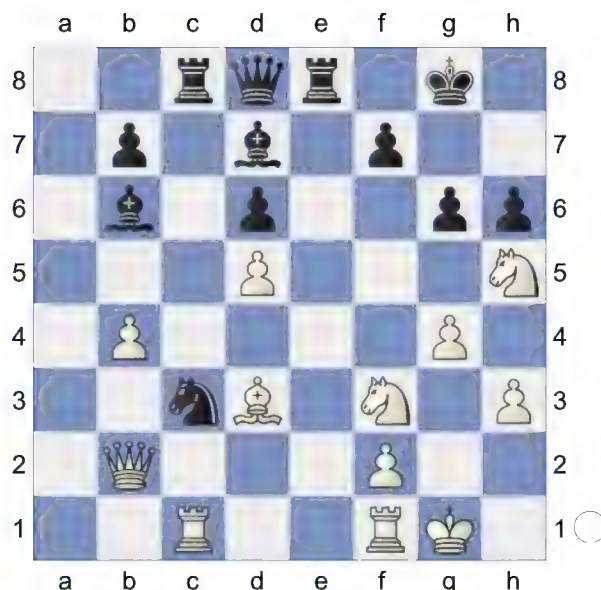
(Diagram)

28.Qd2!

Qxh6! would kill now.

28...Ne2+! Discovered Attack, Double Attack

[28...Nxd5? 29.Qxh6 (29.Bxg6 fxe6 30.Qxd5+ Kh8±) 29...Bxf2+ 30.Kh2+- (30.Kxf2 Re2+ Decoy 31.Kxe2 Qe8+ 32.Kd2 Qf8+-;



30.Kxf2 Re2+ Decoy 31.Kxe2 Qe7+ 32.Kd2 Qf8+-)]

29.Kg2 0.55/19

[29.Kh2= 0.00/22 Nd4 (29...Nxc1 30.Qxh6) 30.Qxh6 Nxf3+ 31.Kh1]

29...Rxc1±

[29...Nxc1 30.Qxh6]

30.Qxh6 Nf4+! **31.Qxf4 Rxf1 32.Kxf1 gxh5 33.Qh6 f5!** And now ...Qe7 would win. **34.Qg6+→** Black needs to defend precisely. **34...Kh8?!** Christiansen, who has been defending perfectly until now, slips. It is not good to allow Qxh5 with check, and by winning the pawn White defends his own peon on h3.

[34...Kf8 is more complex. 35.gxf5 Re7 36.f6 Bxh3+ 37.Kg1 Rf7]

35.gxf5

[35.Ng5 Re7 (35...hxe4 36.Qh7#) 36.Nf7+ Rxf7 37.Qxf7 hxe4 (37...fxg4 38.Qh7#) 38.hxe4 Bd4 39.Bxf5 Bxf5 40.Qxf5 Kg7-+]

35...Rf8! 36.Qxh5+ Kg8 1.01/32

[36...Kg7= 0.25/28 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qh6+ Kg8]

37.Qg6±

White has strong compensation. **37...Kh8 38.Qh6+ Kg8** (Diagram)



39.f6! White is more active. **39...Rf7** 6.58/21 Inhibits Qg7+.

[39...Bxh3+ 40.Qxh3 Rf7 Prevents Qh7+ (or 40...Rxf6? 2.62/20 40...Rf7 1.09 offers legitimate chances of survival.)]

[39...Rxf6? 40.Bh7+ Kf7 41.Ng5+ Ke8 42.Bg6+-]

[39...Bxh3+± 0.76/20 40.Qxh3 Rf7 (40...Rxf6? 41.Qh7+ Kf8 42.Bg6+-)]

40.Ng5!+- Threatening mate with Qg6+.

40...Bxh3+ 41.Nxh3?? 1.58/20

Suddenly Black is back in it.

[41.Ke1!! is completely winning; e. g. White threatens Qg6+ and mate. Qd7 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Bb5! .]

[Weaker is 41.Qxh3 Qxf6 42.Bh7+ (42.Nxf7? Qxf2#) 42...Kf8 43.Qc8+ (43.Nxf7? Qxf2#) 43...Ke7 44.Qxb7+ (44.Nxf7? Qxf2#) 44...Ke8 45.Qxf7+ (45.Qxb6 Qxg5 46.Qc6+ Rd7=) 45...Qxf7 46.Nxf7 Kxf7+-]

[41.Ke1+- 6.62/24 is more deadly. Qd7 (41...Rxf6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ Ke7 44.Qg7+ Skewer Ke8 45.Bg6+ Deflection Rxc6 46.Qf7#) 42.Qg6+ (42.Nxh3 Bd4±; 42.Nxf7

Qg4+-) 42...Kf8 43.Bb5 (43.Qxf7+? Qxf7 44.Nxf7 Kxf7+-) 43...Bxf2+ 44.Kd2 (44.Kxf2 Qf5+ 45.Qxf5 Bxf5=)]

41...Qxf6±

[41...Rxf6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Bg6]



42.Bh7+! Deflection **42...Kh8 43.Bg6+** Discovered Attack (Check) **43...Kg8** Hoping for ...Qa1+. **44.Bxf7+ Kxf7+-** Endgame.



KQB-KQN 45.Qh7+ 1.11/22

[45.Ng5+!+- 2.35/25 Ke7 46.Qh7+

Kd8 47.Qg8+ (47.Qxb7? Qxf2#)
 47...Kc7 48.Ne6+ Kd7 49.Qg7+
 Qxg7 50.Nxg7]
45...Ke8± 46.Qxb7 1.63/20
 [46.Kg2± 1.11/24]
46...Qd4? 3.25/19
 [46...Qf5!]
 [46...Qf5 1.63/20 keeps fighting.]
47.Qc8+- Bd8 48.Qe6+ Be7 49.b5
Qd3+? 6.03/22
 [49...Kd8 2.84/17 50.Kg2 Qb4]
50.Kg2 Qxb5 Black has recovered one
 pawn, but his queen is out of play and
 White takes the opportunity to enter a
 winning pawn endgame. **51.Nf4**
 aiming for Ng6. **51...Qb2 8.97/18**
 [Δ51...Kd8 4.89/18 52.Qe4 Qd7]
52.Ng6 Qf6 53.Qxe7+ Qxe7 54.Nxe7
Kxe7 55.Kf3 White mates. **55...Kf6**
56.Kf4 Kg6 57.Kg4 Kf6 58.f4
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.23
 (precise) /Black=0.44
 1-0

A28

□ Chatalbashev, Boris

■ 12.♖h5 g6 13.♖d5 ♖c7_19

corr WS/MN/075

1992

[Kitty Kat]

A28: English Opening: Four Knights
 Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3
exd4N

[4...e4 5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2
 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5
 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
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 1994]

5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7
8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 The position
 is equal. **10.Qc2** Strongly threatening

Nf5. 10...Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3
-0.79/24

[12.Nb3♣ -0.31/23 is superior.]

12...d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
-0.40/19

[14...c6♣ -0.78/22]

15.Qc2 -1.02/20

[15.Qxa5♣ -0.40/19 Nxc4 16.Qa4]

15...Qf6

[15...Nxc4 16.Nc6 bxc6 17.Rxb8±]

16.Nb3 Bb6 -0.69/21

[16...Nxc4♣ -1.28/21 17.Nd4 h6]

17.c5!♣ dxc5 18.c4! Qf5 19.Be4 Qh5
20.Bf4 Ng4 0.11/19

[20...Ng6♣ -0.57/20 21.Be3 Ne5]

21.h4= White has compensation. Active
 counter play! **21...Nf6** aiming for ...Nxe4.

22.Bg2 -0.28/22

[White should play 22.Bd3! 0.27/26]

22...Bg4 23.Nc1 Rbe8 24.f3 Bf5
0.30/26

[24...Be6♣ -0.45/24 25.e4 Nd7]

25.e4 Bc8 26.Nd3 0.10/21

[26.Ne2± 0.46/24 h6 27.Rfd1]

26...Nd7! 27.Be3 Ba7 0.49/22

[27...f5= 0.00/23]

28.f4 0.05/22

[28.Bh3± 0.49/22]

28...f6 0.64/22

[28...Qg6!= 0.05/22]

29.Qd2 b6 30.f5 0.00/23

[30.Nf2± 0.51/20]

30...Ne5 1.43/23

[30...c6!= 0.00/23]

31.Nxe5± Rxe5 32.Bf4 Re7 2.18/20

[32...Ree8± 1.26/22 was worth a try.]

33.Qc2? 0.37/22

[Better is 33.e5!+- 2.18/20]

33...Bb7 34.Bf3 Qe8 35.Rfe1 Qa8
0.91/22

[35...Bb8± 0.31/21]

36.Re2 0.34/22

[36.Rbd1± 0.91/22]

36...Rd8± 37.Rd1 0.17/20

[37.Rbe1± 0.53/22]

37...Rd4!= 38.Rxd4 -0.85/17

[38.Rde1= 0.13/21]

38...cxd4± 39.Qd3 c5 40.g4 -2.44/22

[40.Kf2± -1.27/19]

40...Bb8+ 41.Qd2 Ba6? -0.90/21

[41...Bxe4 42.Rxe4 Rxe4 43.Bxb8 Qxb8 44.Bxe4 Qg3+ 45.Bg2=]

[41...d3+ -2.97/20 is more deadly.

42.Re1 Bxf4 (42...Bxe4? 43.Rxe4 Rxe4 44.Bxb8+-) 43.Qxf4 Qd8]

42.g5±



Black must now prevent gxf6. 42...Kh8 -0.09/26

[42...Bxc4 43.gxf6 Bxf4 (43...gxf6? 44.Rg2+ Kf8 45.Bxb8+-) 44.Qxf4 Bxe2 (44...gxf6 45.Rg2+ Rg7 46.Rxg7+ Kxg7 47.Qg3+ Kf7 48.Qc7+ Kg8 49.Qg3+ Kh8 50.Qd6=) 45.fxe7 Bxf3 46.Qxf3=]

[42...Be5!± -1.10/21 ...Qb8 would now be deadly. 43.Bxe5 fxe5 (43...Rxe5 44.gxf6 Qd8 45.fxg7±)]

43.Rg2 Bxc4 0.65/24

[43...Be5= -0.25/25 44.Bxe5 fxe5 (44...Rxe5? 45.gxf6 Qd8 46.fxg7+ Kg8 47.Qf4+-)]

44.gxf6± gxf6 3.90/21

[44...Bxf4± 0.81/21

is tougher.

45.Qxf4 gxf6]



45.Bxb8!+- Qxb8 46.Qh6 Dodges Rg7

46...Rf7 Threatens to win with ...Qf8.

47.Bh5 Qf8 48.Bxf7 Qxf7 Endgame.



KQR-KQB 49.e5! Qe7 50.e6

[50.exf6 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qe5+ 52.Kh3 Qe3+ (52...Qxf5+ 53.Kg3±) 53.Qxe3 dxe3+-]

[50.Qxf6+ Qxf6 51.exf6 Bd5±]

50...Bd5 51.Rg3 b5 52.Qf4 Bc6

53.h5 Qd8 12.55/21

[♠53...c4 4.91/21 54.Qxd4 b4]

54.h6 White wants to mate with Qg4.

54...b4 55.Qg4 White mates. 55...Qf8

56.Qg7+ Qxg7 57.Rxg7 Be8 58.Re7

White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.44

1-0

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[Kitry Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5
dxc5 1-0 (58) Agrest,E-Vlassov,N
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3...e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3

Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 e5 10.dxe5
dxe5 11.Be2 Bg4 12.b4 White is
slightly better. 12...e4 13.Nd4

[13.b5!?]

13...Bxe2 0.73/23

[13...Nxd4± 0.31/23 14.Bxd4 Bxe2
15.Qxe2 Qe6]

14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qxe2 Rfd8 16.0-0

Rd3 17.Rac1 a5 1.32/21 18.f3 -0.06/26

[White should play 18.bxa5± 1.32/21

Black must now prevent Qb2. Nd7

19.Qg4]

18...axb4 19.axb4 Ra3 20.Bxf6 Qxf6

[20...gxf6 is interesting. 21.fxe4 Qxe4

22.Rxf6 Ra2]

21.fxe4 Qg5

[21...Qg6 feels hotter. 22.Qf3 Rxe3

23.Rcd1 h5]

22.Rcd1 Rxd1

[22...Rxe3 23.Qh5 h6 (23...Qxh5
24.Rd8#; 23...Qe7 24.Qxf7+
Deflection, Back Rank Qxf7
25.Rd8+) 24.Qxf7+ Kh7 25.Qf5+
(25.Qxc7 Re2 26.Rf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2
Qe3+ 28.Kf1 Ra2) 25...Qxf5
26.exf5]

23.Rxd1= Endgame. KQR-KQR 23...h5

24.Qf3 Rxe3 25.Rd8+ Deflection

25...Qxd8 26.Qxe3 KQ-KQ 26...Qd1+

27.Kf2 Qc2+ 28.Qe2 Qc3 29.e5

-1.38/24

[29.Qxh5= -0.04/23 keeps the
balance. Qd4+ (29...Qxb4 30.Qe2=;
29...Qxc4 30.Qe5+) 30.Kg3]

29...Qxb4+ Black is more active. 30.e6?
-4.27/31

[30.g3+ -1.26/23 is tougher.]

30...Qc5+-+ 31.Kf3 Qf5+ 32.Kg3 fxe6

[32...Qxe6 33.Qxh5 Qd6+
(33...Qxc4? 34.Qe5+-) 34.Kg4+-]

33.h3 Kf7 34.Qe3 Ke7 -4.44/20

[♠34...e5 -9.08/21 35.h4 Qg4+
36.Kf2 Qxh4+ 37.Ke2 Qxc4+ 38.Ke1

Qb4+ 39.Ke2 Ke6]

35.Qa7 Kd6 0.00/36

[35...Qe5+- -4.56/19 36.Kf2 c5]

36.Qd4+= Ke7 And now ...e5 would win.

37.Qxg7+ Kd6 38.Qd4+ Ke7 39.Qf4

Qg6+ 40.Kh4 Threatens to win with

Qg5+. 40...Qxg2 41.Qxc7+ Kf6

42.Qf4+ Kg6 43.Qe3 Kf5 44.Qc5+ e5

45.Qf8+! Ke4 Strongly threatening ...

Qd2. 46.Qe8? -5.31/22

[46.c5 -0.51/22]

46...Kd4 47.Qxh5 e4 ...e3! would now be deadly.

[Inferior is 47...Kxc4 48.Qxe5 Qf2+ 49.Kg4=]

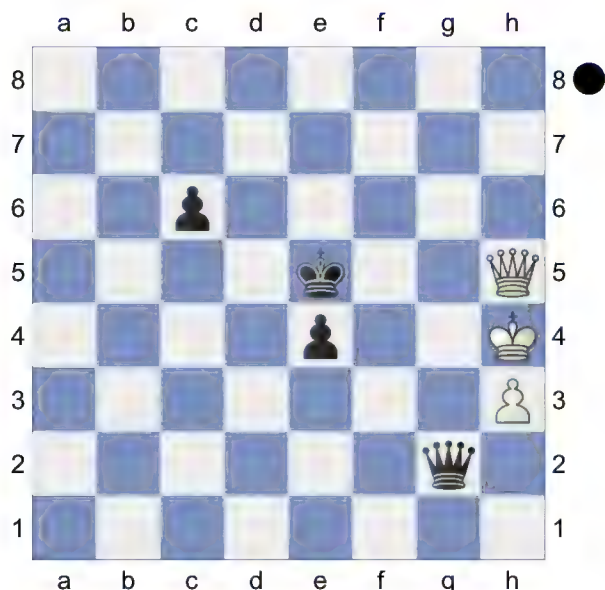
48.Qd1+ Kxc4? -0.02/25

[48...Ke3+- -5.50/21 49.Qd6 Qf1]

49.Qc1+ Kd5? -3.54/22

[49...Kb5= -0.18/20 50.Qb1+ Ka6]

50.Qd1+-+ Ke5 ...Qf2+ is the strong threat. 51.Qh5+



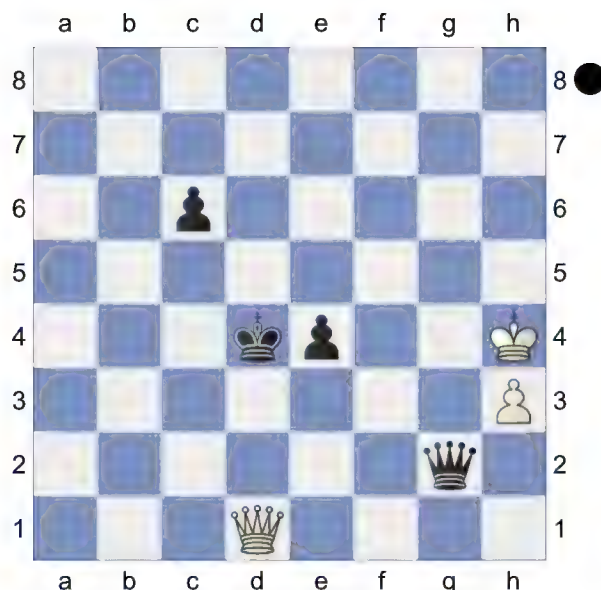
Kd4! 52.Qd1+

(Diagram)

Ke3? 0.00/18

[52...Kc3!+- -3.17/20 53.Qa1+ Qb2]

53.Qc1+ -6.43/19



[53.Qb3+= 0.00/18 Kf4 54.Qf7+ Ke5

(54...Ke3 55.Qb3+ Kd4 56.Qa4+

Kd5 57.Qa5+ c5 58.Qa8+ Ke5

59.Qh8+ Kd5 60.Qa8+ Kc4 61.Qa6+

Kc3 62.Qa5+ Kd4 63.Qa1+ Ke3

64.Qc3+ Kf4 65.Qf6+ Ke3 66.Qc3+

Ke2 67.Qb2+ Kf3 68.Qf6+ Ke2

69.Qb2+ Kf1 70.Qc1+ Kf2 71.Qb2+

Kg1 72.Qb1+ Qf1 73.Qxe4=)

55.Qe7+ Kd5 (55...Kf4 56.Qf6+ Ke3

57.Qc3+ Kf2 58.Qb2+ Kf1 59.Qa1+

Kf2 60.Qb2+ Kg1 61.Qb1+ Kh2

62.Qb8+ Kg1 63.Qb1+ Kh2

64.Qb8+ Kg1 65.Qb1+=) 56.Qf7+

Kd4 57.Qd7+ Kc5 58.Qa7+ Kc4

59.Qa6+ Kd4 60.Qb6+ Kd5

61.Qa5+ Ke6 62.Qc5]

53...Kf3 54.Qxc6 -12.78/26

[54.Qd1+ -5.20/14 Qe2 55.Qh1+

Ke3 56.Kg5]

54...Qg3+ 55.Kh5 Qxh3+ 56.Kg5

Qg3+ 57.Kf5 Qf4+ 58.Ke6 Kf2

-6.46/21

[58...Qh6+ -#39/18 59.Kd5 Qxc6+

60.Kxc6 e3 61.Kd5 e2 62.Ke5

e1Q+ (62...e1B 63.Kf6=) 63.Kd6

Qa5 64.Ke6 Kf4 65.Kd7 Ke5

66.Kc6 Ke6 67.Kb7 Kd7 68.Kb8

Kc6 69.Kc8 Qc7#]
59.Qc2+ Kg3 60.Qc3+ -8.06/25
 [Δ60.Qb1 -4.96/22 Kh4 61.Qb7]
60...e3 61.Qg7+ Qg4+
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/
 Black=0.63
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A50
2495
 □ **Dao,Thien Hai**
 ■ **Silman,Jeremy D** **2405**
 Budapest FS02 GM (3) 1994
[Stohl,Igor, Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)
Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4

[2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.c4 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bf4 0-0 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3± Qxd4?! 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Qa3 e5 14.Be3 Qc4 15.Rac1± Osmanbegovic,S-Farago,I/Maribor Pirc/1994/]

2...Nc6! 3.Nc3

[3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Bxd2 8.Qxd2 d6 9.Nc3 Qe7 10.Rfd1 Re8 11.Rac1 h6 12.h3 Nb8 13.e4 e5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 c6 17.Qc3 Bd7 18.Nd2! b5 19.Nb3 b4 20.Qe3 cxd5 21.exd5 Qd6 22.Nd2± Farago,I-Dizdarevic,E/Ljubljana Iskra/1992/]

3...e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5

18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3

[6.Bd3 Bc5 7.h3 d6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Kf1 c6 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bc7 13.Nac3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Ne8 15.g3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Ne4 Bb6 19.Ra2 Nf6 20.N2c3 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qd7 22.Kg2 Raf8 23.Rf1± Gurevich,D-Dzindzichashvili,R/USA-ch/1993/]

6...Bb4 7.f3

[7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.f3 0-0 10.c5 Nd7! Stohl: 'f' Stohl,I: 'f' 'f' 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Ne2 b6 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Bb5 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.Rc1 Bd7 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Rc4↑ Jegu,O-Zaninetti, L/Paris-ch opA/1993/]

7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Bd3 -0.15/20

[9.Qd2!? 0.00/22 9.c5 0.44 Nd7 10.h4 h6 11.g3 b6 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 Qd7 (13...f5!?∞) 14.Rb1 a5 0.34/20 (14...Qe7= -0.20/19) 15.f4! exf4 16.gxf4 h5 is the strong threat. Qe7 0.70/19 (16...h5= 0.13/23) 17.Bxc5± bxc5 18.h5 Nf8 19.Rg1 f6 20.Bd3 Nd7 21.Qe2↑ 0.75/20 Karpov,An-Chevalier,D/FRA-chT/1993/ (Δ21.Qe3 1.11/21)]
 [9.h4± 0.55/22]

9...0-0 0.29/22

[$\Delta 9...Nd7$ -0.15/20]

10.Ne2N

[10.c5 -0.13/19 10.Qd2 0.23 Nd7 $\bar{f}$ 0.29/22 ($\Delta 10...c6$ -0.13/19 11.c4 cxd5 12.cxd5 dxc5)]

[10.Qd2!? Nd7 11.h4 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.g3 h6 0.28/20 (13...f5 -0.15/21 deserves consideration.)

14.h5 Nh8 15.g4 f6 16.Ne2 Nf7 17.Ng3 Ng5 (17...Nd6!? $\bar{f}$) 18.Kf2 Bd7 19.Nf5 Qe8 20.Rab1 b6 21.Kg2 -0.33/19 (21.Nh4= 0.04/20) 21...Rd8 0.18/19 (21...Bxf5 $\bar{f}$ -0.33/19 22.exf5 Qd7) 22.Qe2= -0.21/18 Delabaca,R-Boudre,J/Cannes op/ 1992/ Stohl: '=' ($\Delta 22.Nh4$ 0.18/19)]

[10.h4!? ∞]

10...Nd7 The position is equal. 11.Qd2 b6 12.Bg5 -0.57/22

[White should play 12.Ng3= 0.04/20]

12...f6 $\bar{f}$ 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Bxc5

[14.Bc2 Ba6 $\bar{f}$]

14...bxc5 15.h4 -1.05/21

[15.Rb1 $\bar{f}$ -0.64/18]

15...f5 $\bar{f}$ 16.h5

[16.exf5? Nxh4 $\bar{f}$]



16...Nf4 -0.43/21 17.Nxf4 $\bar{f}$ exf4

18.Qc2 -0.78/21

[18.Qxf4? -4.29/20 18.h6 -0.42 fxe4! 19.Qxe4 Re8+]

[18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 $\uparrow$ ye1,h5,c4]

[18.Qxf4? fxe4 19.Qd2 (19.Qxe4? Re8+ Pin) 19...exd3+]

[18.h6 $\bar{f}$ -0.40/23 might be stronger.]

18...Qg5 $\bar{f}$ 19.0-0-0 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Bf5 Threatening ...Bxe4. 21.Rde1

[21.Bxf5!? Rxf5 22.Rde1 Dodges Re8 Re5 $\bar{f}$ $\leftrightarrow$ e]

21...Bxe4 22.Rxe4 -0.88/22

[22.Qxe4= 0.02/25 remains equal. Rf7 (22...Qxg2 23.Reg1 $\pm$) 23.Re2]

22...Rae8 23.Rhe1!? -1.39/23

[23.Rxe8 Rxe8 $\bar{f}$]

[23.Re2 Re3 $\uparrow$]

[$\Delta 23.Rxe8$ -0.82/24 Rxe8 24.Qd2]

23...Rxe4

[23...Qxh5 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qf5=]

24.Qxe4 Qxh5 Endgame. KQR-KQR

[24...Qxg2 0.00/30 24...Qxh5 -1.25 25.Qe6+ Kh8? #20/33 (25...Rf7= 0.00/30 26.Qe8+ Rf8 27.Qe6+ Rf7 28.Qc8+ Rf8) 26.Qe7 $\neq$ 0.00/31 (26.Qf7! #20/33 mates Rg8 27.Re8 Qf1+ 28.Kc2 Qe2+ 29.Rxe2 h6 30.Qxc7 Kh7 31.Qxd6)]

[24...Qxg2 25.Qe6+ Rf7 (25...Kh8 26.Qf7 Double Attack Rg8 27.Re8 Qf1+ 28.Kc2) 26.Qe8+ Rf8 27.Qe6+ Rf7 (27...Kh8 28.Qf7 Double Attack Rg8 29.Re8 Qf1+ 30.Kc2) 28.Qc8+ Rf8 29.Re8 Qf1+ 30.Kc2 $\pm$]

25.a4 -1.39/22

[25.Kb2! $\bar{f}$ -0.70/24]

25...a5 26.Qe7 Qf7 $\perp$ 27.Re4 -2.23/26

[27.Qxf7+? -4.59/25 27.Qe2 -1.59 Kxf7 28.Re4 g5 $\bar{f}$]

[27.Qe4 $\bar{f}$ -1.48/23 was necessary.]

27...h6 And now ...Qg6 would win.

28.Qxf7+? -4.01/24

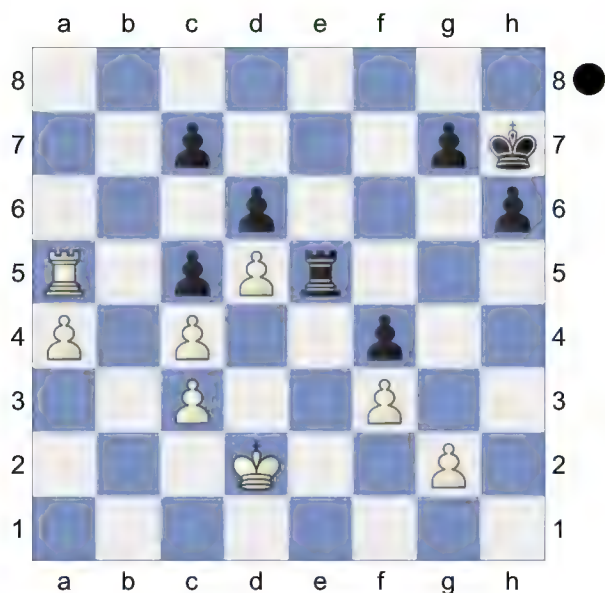
[28.Kd2 Qg6 29.Re2? -4.11/22
 (29.Qe6+ -2.49/22 keeps fighting.
 Qxe6 30.dxe6) 29...Rb8-+]
 [28.Qh4 -1.75/24]

28...Rxf7-+ KR-KR

[28...Kxf7 29.Rxf4+ Ke7 30.Rxf8
 Kxf8 31.Kd2=]

29.Re8+ Kh7 30.Kd2

[30.Ra8 Re7 -2.31/26 (30...Rf6
 -4.36/25 31.Ra7 Rg6 32.Rxc7 h5)
 31.Kd2-+ (31.Rxa5 -3.75/23
 31.Kd2 -2.34 Re2+) 31...Re5!
 32.Rxa5



Rg5!+]

[30.Ra8? Rf6 31.Rc8 Rg6 32.Rxc7
 h5-+ (32...Rxc7 33.Rf7-+)]

30...Rf5! 31.Kd3

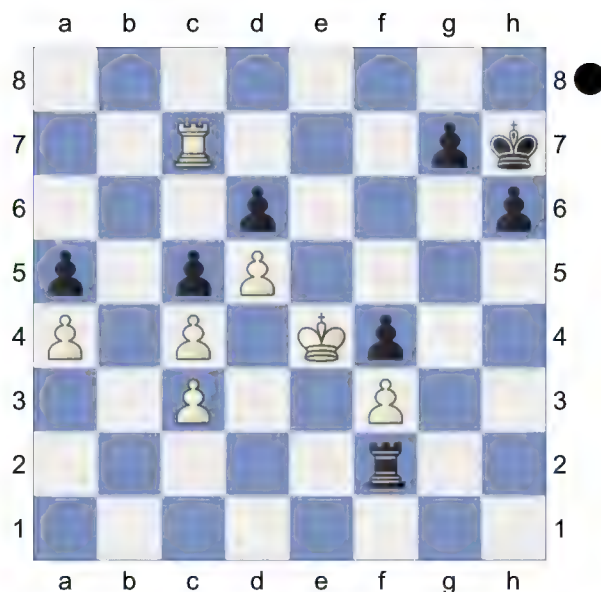
[31.Re7 Rg5]

31...Rg5 32.Re2

[32.Re7 -4.93/30 32.Re2 -3.30 Rxc7
 33.Rxc7 Rf2? -0.63/21 (33...h5-+
 -4.09/24 34.Rf7 Rg1) 34.Ke4+]

(Diagram)

Ra2-+ 0.07/23 (Black should try
 34...h5!+ -0.93/26 35.Rd7 h4



36.Rxd6 h3)]

32...Kg6 33.Rb2? -5.41/26

[33.Re7 -3.28/23 Rxc7 34.Rxc7]

33...Kf5 Δg3,h5-h4-h3-+ 34.Rb7 Rxc7**35.Rxc7 Rg6 -2.13/22**

[35...g5 -4.20/29 36.Rf7+ Kg6]

36.Rf7+ Ke5 37.Re7+? -5.43/28

[37.Rf8 -1.99/22 nothing else works.]

37...Kf6 38.Ra7 h5 39.Rxa5 h4**40.Rb5 Rg2? -2.23/23**

[40...h3 White must now prevent ...
 h2. 41.Rb1 Rg2-+]

[40...h3 -7.12/25 41.Rb1 Kf5]

41.Rb8? -4.81/25

[41.a5 -2.23/23 was forced.]

41...Rf2 Black is clearly winning. 42.a5

[42.Ke4 Kg5 Δe2-e3]

42...Rxf3+ 43.Kc2

[43.Ke4 Rxc3 (-> ...Kg5) 44.Kxf4
 Rxc4-+]

43...Rf1 44.Kb2 Re1 45.Rd8 Kg5

[45...h3-+]

46.a6 Re7

[46...f3 47.a7 f2 48.Rf8=]

47.Rxd6 f3 Threatens to win with ...f2.**48.Re6 Rf7 Hoping for ...f2.**

[Stronger than 48...f2 49.Rxe7 f1Q
 (49...f1B? perishes. 50.a7+-) 50.a7

Qf2+ (50...Qxc4? too greedy.
 51.a8Q+-) 51.Kb3=]
49.Re1 f2 50.Rf1 Kg4 51.a7 Rxa7
52.Rxf2 h3 53.Rd2 g5 54.d6 Rd7
55.Kc2 Kg3 56.Rd5 g4
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/
 Black=0.28 (precise)
 0-1

□ Nakamura,Hikaru

■ Benen,Samson

World Open Philadelphia

2003

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
 V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
 R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.d5 Ne7 7.g3 Bg7
8.Bg2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0**
9.0-0 a6 10.Ne1 Rb8 11.e4 c5 12.f4
-0.40/20

[12.dxc6= 0.18/22 Nxc6 13.Nf3]

12...b5 13.e5 Ne8 14.Be3 -1.33/22

[14.dxe6 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.Nf3±) 15.cxb5]

14...Nf5 15.Bf2 bxc4 16.Qe2 Nd4
-0.54/20

[16...exd5 -1.10/21 aiming for ...d4.
 17.Nxd5 Nc7 18.Qxc4 Rxb2
 (18...dxe5 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.fxe5)]

17.Qxc4 Rxb2 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Qxd4
dxe5

[19...Rb3 simplifies 20.Nd3 Nc7
 21.Qc4 Rb7]

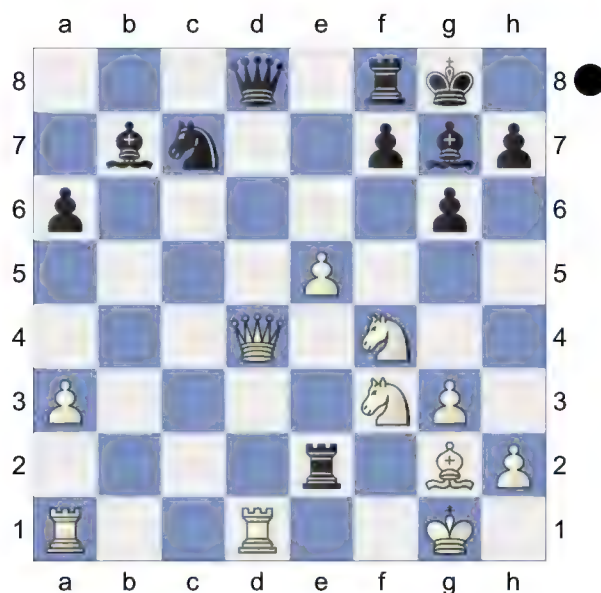
20.fxe5 exd5

[20...Nd6!? 21.Nd3 Rb8]

21.Nxd5 Re2 22.Nf3 Bb7 23.Rfd1!
Nc7 24.Nf4 -1.06/22

[24.Nf6+? Bxf6 25.Qa7 (25.exf6?
 Qa8+) 25...Bd5 26.exf6 Qxf6+]

[24.Bf1!= -0.08/22 was the only way
 to keep the balance. Rxe5 25.Nxe5
 Qxd5 26.Qxd5 Bxd5 27.Nd7]



24...Qxd4+ -0.06/24

[24...Rxc2+! -1.06/22 25.Nxc2
 (25.Kxc2? Qxd4 26.Rxd4 Bxe5+)
 25...Qa8]

25.Nxd4= Rb2

[25...Rxe5? 26.Bxb7 Rc5
 27.Rab1+]

26.Bxb7 Rxb7 27.Nc6 Black must now
 prevent Rd7. **27...Ne6 28.Nd5 Kh8**
29.Rab1 Rd7 30.Nf6 A dynamic duo of
 knights. **30...Rc7 31.Rb6 Rfc8 32.Nd4**

Nxd4

[Reject 32...Rc1 33.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kf2 Nxd4 (34...Bxf6? 35.exf6 Rc8 36.Nxe6±) 35.Rb8+± (35.Rxa6? Rc8-+; 35.Rxa6? Rc8-+)]

33.Rxd4 Bf8 34.Rbd6? -3.67/23 Rc1+ 35.Kg2 Bxd6 36.exd6-+ Endgame. KRR-KRN 36...R1c2+ 37.Kh3 Kg7 38.Nd5 Rd8 39.Nb4 Rc3 40.Nxa6 Rxa3 -1.03/19

[40...Kf8-+ -3.09/20 has better winning chances. Hoping for ...Rc6! 41.Nc7 Rxa3]

41.Nc5± Ra5 42.Ne4 -3.69/21

[42.Rd5± -1.05/20]

42...Re5-+ 43.g4 f5 44.gxf5 gxf5

45.Nd2 Kf6 46.Kg3 Ke6 47.Rh4 Rxd6

[47...Kxd6 48.Nc4+ Kd5 49.Nxe5 Kxe5 50.Rxh7=]

48.Rh6+ -6.82/19

[♠48.Nf3 -4.15/16 Rd3 49.Rh6+ Kd5 50.Rxh7]

48...Kd7

[48...Ke7 49.Rxh7+ Kf8 50.Nf3-+]

49.Rxh7+ Re7 50.Rxe7+ Kxe7 KR-KN

51.Nf3 Kf6 52.h3 Ra6 53.Ne1 Ke5

...Ke4 is the strong threat. 54.Nd3+ Ke4? 0.01/23

[Black should play 54...Kd4-+ -10.72/22 55.Nf2 Ra2]

55.Nf2+ -11.98/25

[55.Nc5+= 0.01/23 Ke3 56.Nxa6 f4+ 57.Kg2]

55...Ke3 (-> ...Rg6+) 56.Nd1+ Kd2

57.Nb2 Kc2 58.Kf4 Kxb2

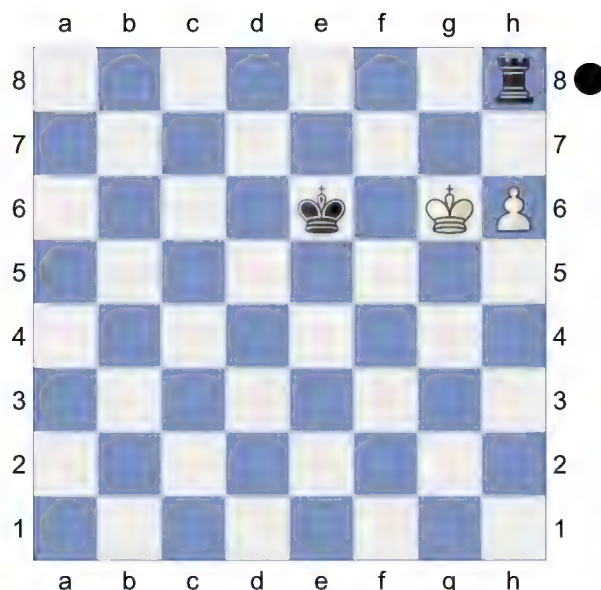
Black mates. 59.Kxf5 KR-KP 59...Rh6

60.Kg4 Kc3 61.h4 Kd4 62.Kg5 Rh8

63.h5 Ke5 64.Kg6 Ke6 65.h6

(Diagram)

Rg8+! 66.Kh7 Rg1 67.Kh8 Kf7 68.h7 Kg6 69.Kg8 Kh6+ 70.Kh8 Ra1 -8.37/5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.27 (precise)

[♠70...Rb1 -#21/29 71.Kg8 Kg6 (71...Rb8+ leads to mate. 72.Kf7 Kxh7 73.Kf6 Rb5 74.Ke6 Kg6 75.Kd6 Kf7 76.Kc6 Rg5 77.Kd6 Rf5 78.Kd7 Rf6 79.Kd8 Ke6 80.Kc7 Ke7 81.Kb8 Kd6 82.Kb7 Kd7 83.Ka8 Kc8 84.Ka7 Rh6 85.Ka8 Ra6#) 72.Kf8 Kxh7 73.Kf7 Rb6 74.Ke7 Kg6 75.Kd7 Kf7 76.Kc7 Rg6 77.Kd7 Re6 78.Kc8 Re7 79.Kd8 Ke6 80.Kc8 Kd6 81.Kd8 Re4 82.Kc8 Rb4 83.Kd8 Rb8#]

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A50

□ The Lunge

■ F2 E5

[R Palliser, Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4

5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7
 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2
 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1
 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3
 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4
 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A
 (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5
 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+
 Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2
 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B:
3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4
 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8
 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4
 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4
 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005)
 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4
 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.e4 e6 5.f4 Ng6 The beautiful lines for Black in the last variation may have put White players off 6 Bd3, but he can also aim to control the key e4-square with **6.e5 -0.48/20** :

[White should play 6.Nc3± **0.56/20**]

6...Ne4 Threatens to win with ...Bb4+. **7.Qf3!**

[Again **7.Bd3 -0.96/17** 7.dxe6 -0.32 is possible when Qh4+ 8.g3 Bb4+ **0.32/21** (8...Nxc3 -0.68/22 9.Nf3 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Qh3)

A) once again 9.Bd2? **-2.19/21** 9.Nc3 0.00 walks into Nxc3 10.Nf3 Bxd2+! (but not 10...Nxf4? **-0.51/21** 10...Bxd2+ -1.84 here as the fourth rank isn't open and so 11.Bxb4 is a strong reply) 11.Nbxd2 Nxf4!;

B) 9.Nc3!± Nxc3 **0.70/19** (9...Nxc3 **0.32/21** is more appropriate. 10.Nf3 Qh3) 10.bxc3± Bxc3+ 11.Kf1! was quite a crafty idea in Torres-Silman, Pasadena 1992:

B1) Then 11...Qe7 12.Rb1

B1a) 12...d6? 13.Ne2 traps the bishop due to Ba5? **2.65/19** (13...Bxe5± **1.02/16** is a better defense. 14.fxe5 Nxe5) 14.Qa4+;

B1b) 12...d6 **1.09/18**;

B1c) 12...0-0 **1.51/19** was immediately agreed drawn, presumably because Black was rightly worried about 13.d6! .;

B2) ____ Thus he should probably have preferred 11...Qd8!? 12.Rb1 exd5 13.cxd5 Strongly threatening Nf3. 0-0 **1.56/19** when the bishop can retreat to a5 when necessary, whilst ...d6 will break down White's centre. However, (13...d6 **0.72/18**) 14.d6! **-0.88/18** remains possible, although now (14.Qc2!± **1.56/19** stays on course.) 14...cxd6 15.Ba3 (15.exd6 Qf6! 16.Be4 Re8 shouldn't give White enough compensation as Black can always, if necessary, unravel with ...Rb8 and...b6) 15...dxe5! looks like a good exchange sacrifice. For example,. White must now prevent ...Re8. 16.Ne2 **-1.59/17** (16.Bxf8 **-1.18/21** Kxf8 17.Qf3) 16...Ba5 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 leaves Black with a solid position and three pawns for the exchange, whilst White's king remains a little shaky.;

B3) 11...Qd8± **0.76/20** is more resistant. 12.Rb1 exd5;

B4) 11...--? **4.98/16**]

7...Bb4+ 8.Kd1 -1.24/21

[White should try 8.Nc3 -0.65/22 exd5 9.cxd5 Nxc3 10.bxc3]

8...f5 ...d6 is the strong threat. **9.Bd3**
-2.17/21

[9.exf6 -0.96/18 was worth a try.
Nxf6 10.a3]

9...0-0! This pawn sacrifice appears to give Black fully adequate compensation.

10.Bxe4 fxe4 11.Qxe4

Popescu-Tomescu, Bucharest 1995 sadly ended in a draw here, but in R. Potter-Benjamin, World Open 2003 Black showed much more spirit by continuing and proving his compensation. Benjamin later supplied light notes to the game as part of a series of pretty reasonable introductory articles on the Tango for www.jeremysilman.com, and he certainly believes in Black's central play here.

11...d6 12.Nf3 Ba5!

[Wisely removing the bishop from potentially hanging and thus facilitating central exchanges. Benjamin mentions **12...Qe7** -0.88/20 **12...dxe5** -2.00 **13.a3! Ba5 14.b4 Bb6!** And now ...exd5 would win. **15.Nc3** -1.32/18 when White gets to support his centre, unlike in the game. (**15.Re1** -0.94/18)]

Now the game continued **13.Nc3 dxe5**

14.fxe5 exd5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Qd4

[not the ideal square, but **16.Qc4** -2.89/22 **16.Qd4** -1.49 **Bxc3! 17.bxc3 Be6** would have regained the pawn, leaving Black still with a strong initiative)]

(Diagram)

16...c5! (blasting open further lines for the attack at the cost of a second pawn)

17.Qxc5 Rc8↑ Black is really pushing.

18.Qd4 Bxc3



[18...Bb6 19.Qa4

19.bxc3



Qa5 when Black had excellent compensation due to White's centralised king and many holes. After. ...Rc5! would now be deadly. **20.Bd2** -2.16/20

[**20.a4** -1.60/18 **Rc5** (**20...Rxc3?** **21.Bd2+-** Skewer; **20...Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.Re1**) **21.c4**]

(Diagram)



20...Qb5!-+ Black has strong compensation. **21.d6 -3.33/20**

[But not 21.Qxa7 Bh3 (21...Qxd5 22.Qd4+) 22.gxh3 Rxf3-+ (22...Qxd5 23.Re1-+)]

[⊖21.a4 -2.02/19 Qb3+ 22.Ke2]

21...Rc4! he began a successful infiltration on the light squares. White got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.04 (flawless)

A28

□ **The Menagerie**

■ **B1 Ne5**

[R Palliser, Kitty Kat]

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4**

[4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6

16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992]

5.Ne5N Exploiting the slight weakness of the e4-pawn (5...Nxe5? 6 dxe5 Ng4 7 Qd4) to jump forwards, although Black is easily able to ignore the e5-knight for the time being.

[5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 Daaoooo,A-Callow,C 61/414 Tilburg 1994]

5...Bb4 Preparing to take the pressure off e4 and to spoil White's structure with a trade on c3, whilst Black doesn't mind his development being accelerated by 6 Nxc6.

6.Bg5

[Hoping to make use of the active e5-knight by creating a strong pin, although it turns out that it is not so hard to break it. Instead **6.e3 -0.43/23** 6.Nxc6 -0.07 leaves both white bishops fairly inactive. Then 0-0 7.Bd2 Re8! **0.08/22** (Black wants to recapture on c6 with the d-pawn so as to gain an extra ...c5 lever against White's centre) (7...Bxc3!+ **-0.45/22** 8.Bxc3 Ne7) 8.Nxc6= dxc6 9.Be2 **-0.27/20** (⊖9.Qc2 **0.13/22**) 9...Bd6 **0.18/22** (⊖9...Bf8 **-0.27/20**) 10.Qc2 c5!

A) 11.d5 -0.70/22 11.h3 0.25 Bf5 gives Black easy development and a strong attack should White go short, but 12.0-0-0 c6! **0.39/20** keeps White bottled up and opens some key lines to attack down (12...Ng4+ **-0.57/22** 13.Bxg4 Bxg4);

B) 11.dxc5! Bxc5 12.0-0-0 c6 left Black at least equal due to his

spatial advantage in Janosevic-S. Nikolic, Sarajevo 1967.]

[However, **6.Nxc6!?** is a valid alternative when it is Black who has the doubled c-pawns for once, but the e4-bridgehead and his free development easily compensate for that after dxc6! 7.Bg5 -0.59/22 (7.Qb3= 0.00/20 a5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3) 7...h6 $\bar{f}$ and now:

A) Kamishov-Flohr, Moscow Ch. 1945 continued 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Be2 c5! 12.0-0! cxd4! 13.Nd5 (White was no doubt relying on this tactical defence to solve his difficulties, but Flohr had seen further) Qg6 ...d3 would now be deadly. (13...Qg5!? 14.exd4 Bd6 $\bar{f}$)

A1) 14.Qa4 -1.32/20 14.exd4 -0.60 appears to fork two pieces, but after c6! 15.Nxb4? -3.52/22 (15.exd4 $\bar{f}$ -1.18/22 b5 16.Qxb4 cxd5 17.Rfe1 bxc4 18.b3 cxb3 19.axb3) 15...Bh3+- 16.g3 d3 White is in huge trouble on the light squares as 17.Bd1 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 a5 traps the knight on b4, leaving Black with an extra exchange and a crushing position. Repels a3;

A2) 14.exd4! Bd6 15.Kh1 -0.85/22 (15.c5 $\bar{f}$ -0.48/21 c6 16.Ne3) 15...c6, giving Black the edge due to his bishop pair and attacking chances.;

B) White must concede the bishop as 8.Bh4?! -1.13/21 8.Bxf6 -0.51 e3! Threatens to win with ...Ne4! 9.fxe3 -2.25/20 (9.f3 $\bar{f}$ -0.96/20 keeps fighting.) 9...g5!+- 10.Bf2 Ne4 Strongly threatening ...Qf6! 11.Qb3 -2.52/23 (11.Qc2 -1.96/18

might work better. Bf5 12.g4) 11...Qe7 -1.38/18 left him horribly cramped and Black very active with excellent compensation in Maier-Kraut, Bundesliga 1999. Then (11...Bxc3+-+ -2.52/23 12.bxc3 Qf6) 12.g3 $\bar{f}$ a5 13.a3?? -4.36/20 didn't effectively swap off an attacking piece because (13.Bg2 $\bar{f}$ -1.17/19 is a better chance.) 13...Bxc3+-+ 14.bxc3 Qf6 15.Bg1 Qxf1+! won material due to the b3-queen then being undefended.;

C) 8.Bf4 $\bar{f}$ -0.50/21;

D) 8.--? -4.24/19]

[6.Nxc6 simplifies Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc6 8.Qc2]

6...h6 Again immediately breaking the pin and quickly gaining a good game.

7.Bxf6

[Once more White isn't careful enough. Here, due to his not yet having exchanged on c6, **7.Bh4** is the right move, although still Qe7 0.31/26 (7...g5 $\bar{f}$ -0.76/20 8.Bg3 Ne7) 8.Nxc6 $\pm$ (McCambridge-Denker, Lone Pine 1979) dxc6! 9.e3 c5 (9...Bf5!? 0.75/22 9...c5 0.37 10.Be2 g5 11.Bg3 0-0-0 looks like a valid and unclear alternative) gives Black good play in the centre, when 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0! Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bf5 (Raetsky and Chetverik) is complex, but roughly equal. Black, however, is well placed to meet White's main break of 13.f3!? -0.33/18 with (White should play 13.f4 $\pm$ 0.69/18) 13...g5! $\bar{f}$ when 14.fxe4 (or 14.Bg3 exf3 15.Rxf3 Bg4) 14...Qxe4 15.Bf2 -0.51/21 (15.Bg3= -0.12/20 deserves consideration.) 15...Bg4 0.12/21 weakens White's light squares and prepares to increase the pressure

on e3. (15...Bg6 $\bar{f}$ -0.51/21)]

7...Qxf6

[7...Bxc3+ simplifies 8.bxc3 Qxf6
9.Ng4 Qe6]

8.Nxc6 Black is slightly better. **8...e3!**

[Again this strong pawn sacrifice,
which is here even better than
8...dxc6 transposing to Kamishov-
Flohr (see the notes to White's 6th
move).]

[8...Bxc3+ simplifies 9.bxc3 dxc6
10.g3 0-0]

9.fxe3 dxc6

[9...Bxc3+ simplifies 10.bxc3 Qxc6
11.Qd3 b6]

10.Qb3 -0.43/22

[10.g3! = 0.00/20]

10...Qh4+ $\bar{f}$ 11.Kd2! c5 $\uparrow$ This left White
under pressure on the dark squares in
Bigelow-Alekhine, Bradley Beach 1929.
The World Champion then forced a
much better ending with. aiming for ...Bf5.
Black is pushing. **12.g3 Qg5**

White must now prevent ...0-0. **13.dxc5!**

Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0

16.Bg2 Rd8+ 0.33/21

[16...Bg4 = -0.15/21 was preferable.]

17.Kc2? -1.47/18

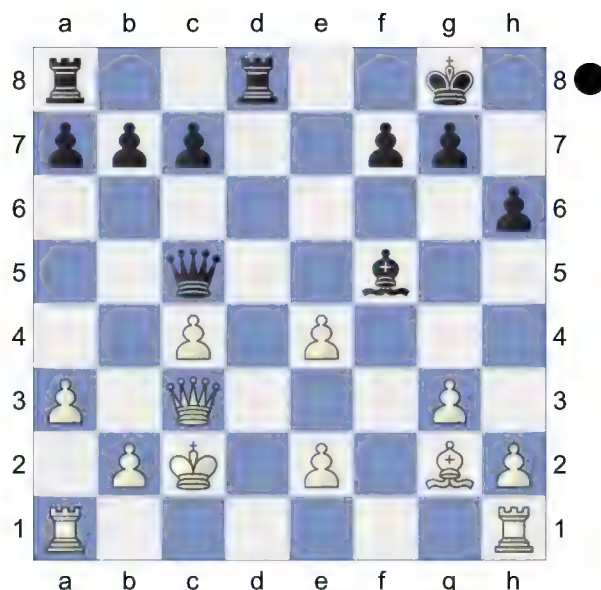
[17.Ke1 $\pm$ 0.33/21]

17...Bf5+ $\bar{f}$ Black has strong
compensation. **18.e4**

(Diagram)

Rd4! -0.14/25 .

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
(precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)



A50

□ Jelen,I

■ Dizdarevic,Emir

Game 40 Ljubljana

1992

[James Schuyler,MH]

**A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)**

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:
Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7
cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5
4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
(2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/
615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3

Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.f3
Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.c5 0-0 10.h4?!
White must attack or Black will tighten
the screws one by one. However, this is
too soon and too crude. 10...Nh5
White has an edge. 11.Bf2 -0.15/19
Prevents Ng3.

[11.g4± 0.54/21 Ng3 12.Rh2]

11...c6!= Over and over we see this
move, typically at the most surprising
and inconvenient time for White. 12.g4
Nhf4 0.45/19

[12...Nf6!= -0.17/21]

13.h5± Ne7 14.cxd6?! -0.29/17
The complications are dizzying, even for
my computer.

[It's hard for things to work out well
for White with his king in the middle,
but he needs to try 14.h6]

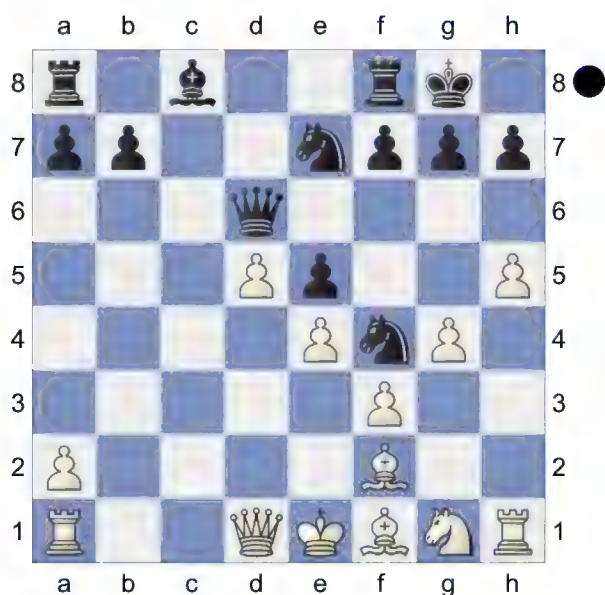
[or 14.Ne2 .]

[White should try 14.c4!± 0.35/21]

14...Qxd6= 15.c4 -1.12/18

[15.Ne2± -0.42/18]

15...cxd5!± 16.cxd5



Bxg4! 17.h6

[17.fxg4? -3.79/18 17.h6 -0.82 runs
into Qb4+ and 18...Qxe4+, winning
the rook.]



17...g5 -0.70/22 Black has more active
pieces. The white rooks are passive.

18.Qb3 -1.21/20

[18.Rb1± -0.70/22 Bd7 19.Be3
(19.Ne2 Neg6±)]

18...Bd7 19.Ne2 -2.13/19

[19.Be3± -0.99/18]

19...Neg6? -0.91/21

[19...Ba4! 20.Qe3 Hoping for Nxf4.
Rfc8! and White cannot last long.]

[19...Ba4!+ -2.13/19 and Black stays
clearly on top. 20.Qe3 Rfc8]

20.Rg1 f6 21.Nc3 -1.54/19 Inhibits b5.

[21.a4 -1.05/20]

21...Rfc8 22.a4 -2.26/20

[22.Rc1± -1.53/17 was worth a try.]

22...Kh8 -0.94/17

[22...Nh4+ -2.26/20 has better
winning chances. 23.Bxh4 Qc5]

23.Kd2? -2.71/18

[23.Qa3± -0.94/17 Qc7 24.Nb5
Qa5+ 25.Kd1]

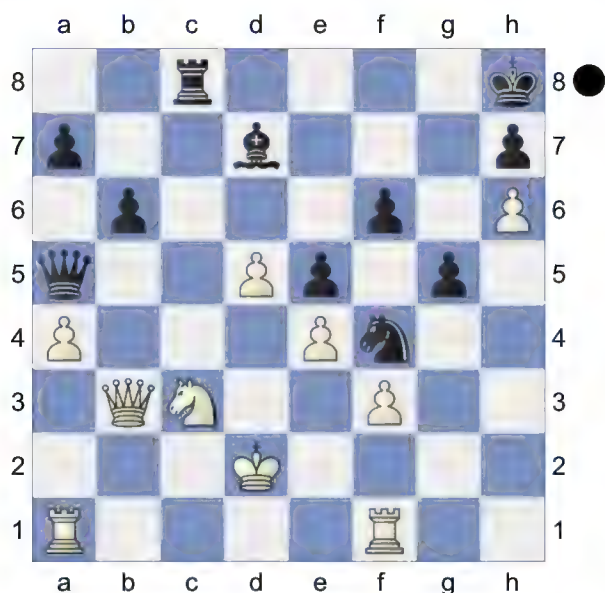
23...b6? 0.00/23

[Black should play 23...Nh4+ -2.71/18
24.Bxh4 Qc5 (24...gxh4? 25.Ne2)]
24.Ba6 Nh3 The board is on fire. A
dynamic duo of knights. **25.Rgf1**

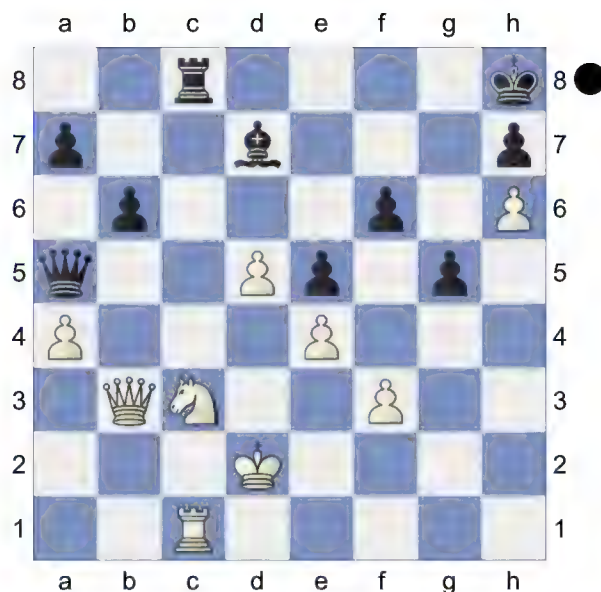


Nxf2! 26.Bxc8 Rxc8 27.Rxf2??
-3.09/19

[27.Qa3! -0.39/18 Qxa3 28.Rxa3]
27...Qc5+ 28.Rff1 Nf4↑ Black is on the
roll. **29.Ne2** Dodges Qd4+. Rac1 would
now be deadly. **29...Qa5+ 30.Nc3**



Ne2 Repels Rfc1. Deflection 31.Rfc1
[31.Kxe2? Rxc3 32.Qb2 Qc5+]
31...Nxc1 32.Rxc1



Kg8! 33.f4? -4.72/21 White isn't having
any fun at all, but this only makes things
worse.

[Δ33.Qa3 -2.33/18 Rc5 34.Rb1]
33...exf4 Black is clearly winning.
[33...gxf4 34.d6+ Kf8 35.Rg1=]
34.e5? fxe5 35.d6+ Kf8 ...e4 is the
strong threat. **36.Qb1 Kg8**

[Weaker is 36...Bxa4 37.Qf5+
(37.Qxh7 Rc7 38.Qxc7 Bd7
39.Qxd7 f3 40.Qg7+ Ke8 41.Qe7#)
37...Ke8 38.Qe6+ (38.Qxc8+ Kf7
39.Qf5+ Ke8 40.Qe6+ Kd8 41.Qe7+
Kc8 42.Qc7#) 38...Kf8 39.Qf6+ Kg8
40.Qg7#]

37.Qb3+ Kf8 38.Qb1 Qc5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/
Black=0.41

[Worse is 38...Bxa4 39.Qf5+
(39.Qxh7 Rc7 40.Qxc7 Bd7
41.Qxd7 f3 42.Qg7+ Ke8 43.Qe7#)
39...Ke8 40.Qe6+ (40.Qxc8+ Kf7
41.Qf5+ Ke8 42.Qe6+ Kd8 43.Qe7+
Kc8 44.Qc7#) 40...Kf8 41.Qf6+ Kg8
42.Qg7#]

0-1

□ Adams,N

■ Goh,Wei Ming Kevin

(Game 77) Budapest

[Tim Taylor,MH]

A50

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 What is this? A Black Knights Tango, to be sure, but where is the Budapest? Just be patient one more move...

3.e3N It's hard to find a reason for this move. Of the thousands of games in the Megabase with the Black Knights Tango, 3 e3 is played only seven times – and White scores only 21% with it! One sees that e2-e3 defends a pawn that is already defended and blocks in the queen's bishop.

[Evidently the two most popular moves are also best, that is, the natural developments 3 Nf3 and 3 Nc3. Let's take a look at the latter, favoured by Karpov, and see a couple of his fine wins on the White side of the Tango.

Both games began **3.Nc3** e5

A) 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxf3 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4

9.Nxe4

The Menagerie-B2 Ng5

2005;

B) 4.d5 Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 (take careful note of this position: White has an advantage in space, and has prevented the active development of Black's dark-squared bishop to c5 – compare this with the main game) Bb4 7.f3 and now: Bxc3+ (in a later game, Karpov's opponent allowed him to avoid doubled pawns, as follows: 7...0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.0-0-0 Bc5 11.g3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 a6 13.Kb1 Rb8 14.Nc1 f5 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.Bd3 Rf7 17.Nb3 b6 18.h4 Nc5 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.g4 Qf6 21.Bxg6 hxf6 22.Rd3 Qf4 23.Ne4 Qxe3 24.Rxe3 Rf4 25.Kc2 Bd7 26.Rh3 Rbf8 27.Rg3 Be8 28.Ra3 (Black has pawn weaknesses on both flanks – who could hold this against Karpov?) a5 29.Rxa5 Rxf3 30.Rxf3 Rxf3 31.Ra8 Kf8 32.Ng5 Rf2+ 33.Kc3 Ke7 34.Ra7 Rf4 35.Rxc7+ Bd7 36.a4 Kd8 37.Ra7 Rxf4 38.a5 Rxh4 39.a6 Rh1 40.Ne6+ Bxe6 41.dxe6 Rc1+ 42.Kd3 Ra1 43.Ke4 Re1+ 44.Kd5 Rd1+ 45.Kc6 Ra1 46.Rd7+ Ke8 47.a7 e4 48.Rxf7 e3 49.a8Q+ Rxa8 50.Rg8+ Ke7 51.Rxa8 e2 52.Ra1 1-0 A.Karpov-E.Llobel Cortell, exhibition match, Manises 2001) 8.bxc3 d6 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.h4 h6 11.g3 b6 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 Qd7 14.Rb1 a5 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 Qe7 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.h5 Nf8 19.Rg1 (White has a space advantage, and Black's a- and g-pawns are both weak – as one expects, Karpov grinds to victory) f6

20.Bd3 Nd7 21.Qe2 Ba6 22.Ng4 Nb6 23.Ne3 Bc8 24.Qg2 Rg8 25.Qg6+ Kd8 26.Kd2 Bd7 27.Qh7 Qf8 28.Rg2 Kc8 29.Rbg1 Kb7 30.Rxg7 Rh8 31.Qg6 Be8 32.Qf5 Rd8 33.Qe6 Bxh5 34.Nf5 Nc8 35.e5 fxe5 36.fxe5 Qe8 37.Rb1+ Ka8 38.Rxc7 Qxe6 39.dxe6 dxe5 40.Rxc5 e4 41.Nd4 Rxd4 42.cxd4 exd3 43.Rxh5 1-0 A.Karpov-D. Chevallier, France 1993.]

3...e5 Now what do we have? Black has a successful Tango – Oh! This is a successful Budapest!

My recommendation becomes clear: I say, if someone like me plays the far from active 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 e3, then simply transpose to a great Tango with 3...Nc6, thus reaching the position of the game. It's easy to see that Black has equalized in the centre and prepares rapid development with ...Bb4+ and ...0-0.

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behind Karpov's line. **4.d5** White plays like Karpov – not! This doesn't go well with the pawn on e3; one recalls Karpov played this centre pawn to e4 in one move.

[a] **4.Nf3** is ineffective as well after Bb4+ 5.Nc3 e4 6.Nd2 (not 6.Ne5 Qe7 7.Nxc6 dxc6 and Black dominates the board) 6...Bxc3 7.bxc3 d6 and one sees that White's position is already under severe Nimzowitschian restraint! Black won stylishly as follows: (7...0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 8.c5 d5 9.Rb1 0-0 10.c4 Re8 11.Be2 Rb8 12.0-0 Be6 13.h3 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Nd5 (White's pawn chain is solidly blockaded) 15.Bd2 Qd7 16.Kh2 f5 17.f4 exf3 18.gxf3 f4 19.e4 Bxh3 20.exd5 Nxd4 21.Bd3 Qxd5! 22.Rf2 (accepting the sacrifice with 22.Kxh3 Qh5+ 23.Kg2 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 Qh4+ 25.Kg2 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Re6 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Rb2 Rh6+ 29.Kg1 Rd8 is also good for Black) 22...Qh5 23.Kg1 Qh4 24.Be1 Qg3+ 25.Kh1 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Nxf3 27.Qe2 Bg2+ 28.Rxg2 Qh3+ 29.Rh2 Nxh2 30.Qxh2 Qxd3 31.Rc1 Qd5+ 32.Qg2 f3 33.Qg4 f2+ 34.Kh2 Rf8 35.Rf1 Rf5 36.Ne3 Qe5+ 37.Qg3 Rh5+ 38.Kg2 Rg5 39.Ng4 Qxg3+ 40.Kxg3 h5 0-1 A.Gorbatow-T.Polak, Graz 1998 – a beautiful win by the Czech GM.]

[b] **4.Nc3** transposes to a very high-level rapid game (the actual move order was 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 e3 Nc6 4 d4 with Korchnoi as White) and now Black, a certain GK, played Bb4 5.d5 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.d6 (Korchnoi

attacks ferociously but gets nowhere in view of the weakness of his doubled pawns; the restrained 7.Ne2 with equality may be best) 7...cxd6 8.Qxd6 Qa5 9.Qb4 Qc7 10.Ba3 Nc6 11.Qb1 d6 12.Qd3 Qa5 13.Bxd6 Bf5 14.Qxf5 Qxc3+ 15.Ke2 Qxa1 16.Nf3 Rd8 17.c5 Qxa2+ 18.Nd2 Nd5 19.g4 g6 20.Qd3 Nd4+ 21.Ke1 Rxd6? (another K, Alexander Kotov, would no doubt spot the creeping win here: 21...Qb2!) 22.cxd6 Qa1+ 23.Nb1 Qa5+ 24.Kd1 Qa4+ 25.Ke1 Qa5+ ½-½ V.Korchnoi-G. Kasparov, Zürich (rapid) 2001.

A fortunate draw for Victor, and once again no recommendation for the White side of this line! ½-½ V. Korchnoi-G.Kasparov, Zürich (rapid) 2001. A fortunate draw for Victor, and once again no recommendation for the White side of this line!]

[Maybe the next line is best, as tried by the highest-rated player who essayed 3 e3 against the Tango:

c) Maybe the next line is best, as tried by the highest-rated player who essayed 3 e3 against the Tango: c) 4.dxe5!? (inconsistent after the defensive 3 e3, but perhaps White

was having second thoughts, and now openly plays to draw...) Nxe5 5.Nd2 Bc5 6.Ngf3 Nxf3+ 7.Nxf3 0-0 8.Be2 d5 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 (and succeeds) ½-½ H.Pihlajasalo-S. Pitkanen, Finnish Ch., Helsinki 2001. Of course, Black's difficulties were nil, which is generally what I find in this variation. As far as I am concerned, (after 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 e3) the Tango transposition with 3...Nc6! knocks out White's third move as a winning try.]

4...Ne7 5.Nc3 Ng6 6.a3

[Now if White plays 6.e4 -0.03/20 6.h4 0.84 , trying to reach Karpov's system, Black utilizes his extra tempo and counters with Bc5 with a good position. In the Karpov games, the white e-pawn was already on e4, so he could and did prevent Black's ... Bc5 with 6 Be3.

We see that, essentially, White's 3 e3 loses a tempo against the Black Knights Tango, a free tempo which gives Black a good game – but no one played this against me! with a good position. In the Karpov games, the white e-pawn was already on e4, so he could and did prevent Black's ... Bc5 with 6 Be3. We see that, essentially, White's 3 e3 loses a tempo against the Black Knights Tango, a free tempo which gives Black a good game – but no one played this against me!]

6...a5 7.Bd3 0.32/20

[♠7.h4 0.69/21]

7...Bc5± 8.Rb1 White is slightly better.

8...d6 9.Qc2 -0.06/23

[If 9.b4 Bb6 10.Na4 -0.27/22 (♠10.Nge2 0.30/22) 10...e4 11.Nxb6 -0.48/21 (11.Bc2!= 0.00/22 deserves consideration.) 11...cxb6 12.Bc2 Ne5 -0.18/18 (12...Nh4! 12...Nf6 -0.59/20 13.g3 Ng6) 13.Qe2 -1.65/21 (13.Ne2= -0.18/18) 13...Bf5 and Black is better, as d3 beckons.]

[9.Nge2± 0.36/21]

9...0-0 10.h4?! -0.64/21

[Karpov also played h2-h4 fairly early in both of his wins, but here the move is too active given White's doubtful position. Instead of Black being under Karpovian restraint, here he has that active bishop on c5 and potential

breaks with ...c7-c6, and (if White plays e3-e4) with ...f7-f5. If I had to play White here, I'd try the modest **10.Nge2** , but I prefer Black after c6 .]

[10.Nge2= 0.19/24]

10...c6 0.06/24

[10...h6 $\bar{f}$ -0.64/21]

11.h5 Ne7 12.e4 -1.35/20

[If **12.Nge2** -1.21/21 12.h6 0.19 cxd5 13.cxd5 h6! and Black's solid position is preferable to White's, who has scattered pawns and an insecure king.]

[12.b4= -0.06/22 axb4 13.axb4]

12...Ng4 -0.98/22

[Δ 12...h6 -1.35/20 13.b4 Ba7 14.bxa5 Qxa5]

13.Nd1 f5 The strength of Black's dark-squared bishop is now especially evident, as it begins to co-operate with his other pieces – Goh has a clear advantage.

Black is more active. **14.f3 fxe4!**

15.Bxe4 Nf6 16.Nc3 -2.09/20

[16.Ne2 $\bar{f}$ -1.45/20 was worth a try.]

16...cxd5 17.cxd5 Nxe4 18.Nxe4

[After **18.fxe4** -3.04/21 18.Nxe4 -1.62 both the spectacular Nf5! (based on an x-ray attack) (and the direct 18...Rf2 are good for Black.)]

18...Bxg1

[18...Nxd5 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Nxc5 dxc5 (20...Qxc5 21.Qxc5 dxc5 22.h6=) 21.Qd2=]

19.Rxg1 -1.63/23

[19.h6 $\bar{f}$ -1.27/20 keeps fighting. Bf5 20.Rxg1]

19...Nf5 -1.02/20

[19...Nxd5 20.Qb3 Be6 21.Bg5 $\bar{f}$]

[19...h6+ -1.63/23 20.Qd3 b6]

20.Qf2 -1.89/21

[After **20.h6** Nxh6 -0.37/22 (20...Nd4! $\bar{f}$ -0.87/22 21.Qd3 Qh4+

22.Kd1 Bg4 23.fxg4 Qxg4+ 24.Ke1 Qh4+ 25.Kd1 Qg4+ 26.Ke1 Rf3) 21.Bg5 $\bar{f}$ (or 21.Bxh6 -1.53/21 21.Bg5 -0.39 Qh4+ avoiding doubled pawns) 21...Qb6 22.Rh1? -2.26/21 (White has to play 22.Qf2 $\bar{f}$ -0.37/21 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2) 22...Nf5 White doesn't get anything for the pawn.]

[20.h6 $\bar{f}$ -1.02/20 is a better defense.]

20...Nd4+ 21.Be3 Bf5 22.Bxd4

Hoping for Bb6. **22...Bxe4**

[22...exd4 23.Qxd4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 (24.Qxe4? Re8+)]

23.Bb6 Qd7 -1.05/21

[To my mind, **23...Qg5** 24.Rd1 Qxh5 is much simpler, when Black is a pawn up without any drama.]

[23...Bxb1? 24.Bxd8 Rfxd8 25.Qh4+-]

[Black should play 23...Qg5+- -2.06/21 24.Rd1 Qxh5]

24.Rd1 $\bar{f}$ Qb5 -0.51/20

[24...h6! $\bar{f}$ -0.94/16 25.Qe3 Bh7]

25.Bc7 -1.04/20

[25.Be3! $\bar{f}$ -0.51/20]

25...Ra6

[25...Bxd5 26.Bxd6 Rfc8 27.Qe3 $\bar{f}$]

26.Qe3 -1.33/19

[White should try 26.Qd2 -0.82/21]

26...Bxd5 Strongly threatening ...Rc8!

27.h6 -1.65/18

[27.a4 $\bar{f}$ -1.06/19 might work better. Qc4 (27...Qxb2 28.Rxd5 Rc8 29.Rb5=; 27...Qb4+ 28.Qd2 $\bar{f}$) 28.b3]

27...Rc6+ 28.Qd2? -3.28/23

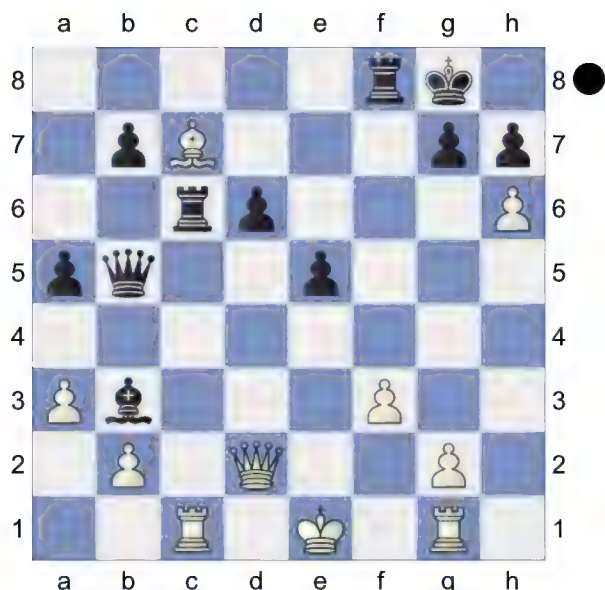
[28.Rc1 -1.74/18]

28...Bb3 29.Rc1

(Diagram)

Rxc1+ -0.51/18

[Better is 29...Bc4!+- -1.90/19 30.b3



(30.Bxd6? loses. Qb6-+) 30...Qxb3
 (30...Rxc7? 31.hxg7 Rxc7
 32.Rxc4-+) 31.Bxa5 Qxa3 32.Rxc4
 Remove Defender, Decoy Rxc4
 33.Qd5+ Kh8 (33...Rf7? 34.Qxc4
 Qxa5+ 35.Ke2-+) 34.Qxc4 Qxa5+
 35.Ke2 gxh6]

30.Qxc1 White is weak on the light
 squares 30...Qd7? 0.00/25

[Black's more complicated method
 has also been successful, but now he
 lets White back in the game. Correct
 is 30...Qd5 -0.12/22 30...Rf6 -1.09
 31.Bb6! (not 31.hxg7? -3.75/20
 31.Bb6 -0.23

(Diagram)

Rc8! and the pin is too strong) 31...g6
 and Black should win.]

[30...Rf6! -0.67/21 31.hxg7 a4]

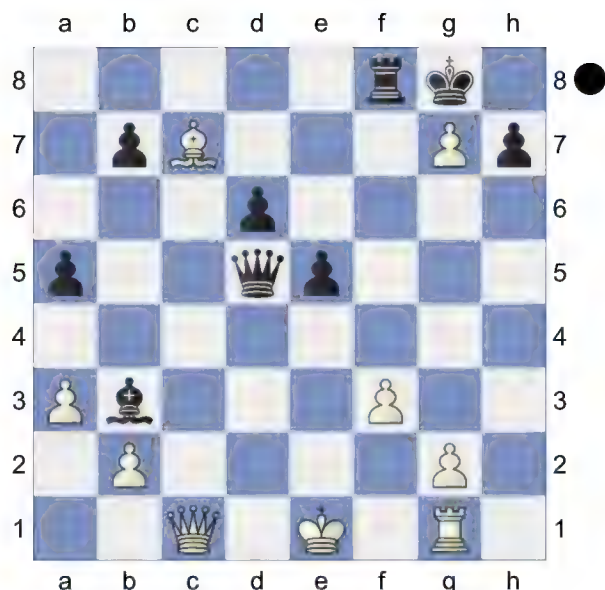
31.Bxa5= White happily takes the free
 pawn, and now has chances to draw.

31...Rc8 32.Qe3 Bf7 33.Bc3 Qf5
 34.Kf2 Re8 35.Re1 Re6 0.49/21

[35...gxh6= 0.10/21 36.Qxh6 Re6]

36.hxg7 0.03/22

[36.Qa7± 0.49/21]



36...Rg6 37.Re2

[The same type of mistake as in
 Game 73 (Vallin-Miezis): this and the
 following two moves allow Black's
 queen to invade with devastating
 effect. 37.Rc1 was correct, holding
 the invasion squares.]

37...Bc4 38.Rd2

[White's last move could be justified if
 he was using it to exchange queens:
 he can still pull out of his difficulties
 with 38.Qe4 .]

38...Qb1 Black has compensation.
 Really sharp!

[Much weaker is 38...Kxg7 39.g4
 Rxc4 40.Rxd6±]

39.Re2? -11.94/23 Qh1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
 Black=0.30

[Black doesn't want the rook! The
 important thing is that the invading
 black queen and rook have
 coordinated, and there's nothing more
 to be done, as now 39...Qh1 40.g4
 fails to Rh6 with a decisive invasion.
 A messy win, but Black got there!

However, from the point of view of
 the opening, there is no good news

for White: even Korchnoi needed a lucky break just to draw! The Black Knights Tango with an extra move is quite a strong opening. with a decisive invasion. A messy win, but Black got there! However, from the point of view of the opening, there is no good news for White: even Korchnoi needed a lucky break just to draw! The Black Knights Tango with an extra move is quite a strong opening.]

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A50

□ Ootes,Lars

■ Grzegorzewski,Stanislaw

25: Correspondence

2007

[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.e3N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4

8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.Nc3 Ng6 6.a3 a5

7.Bd3 0.33/19

[7.h4± 0.77/21]

7...Bc5± 8.Rb1 White is slightly better.

8...d6 9.Qc2 -0.16/22

[9.Nf3± 0.31/22]

9...0-0 0.26/22

[♞9...Nh4 -0.16/22]

10.h4 -0.58/21

[10.Nge2= 0.26/22]

10...c6 0.08/22

[10...h6♞ -0.58/21]

11.h5= Ne7 12.e4 -1.29/19

[12.h6= 0.13/22]

12...Ng4 13.Nd1 f5 Hoping for ...fxe4.

Black is more active. 14.f3 -1.56/18

[♞14.h6 -1.19/19]

14...fxe4!♞ 15.Bxe4 Nf6 16.Nc3

-2.32/22

[16.Ne2♞ -1.33/19]

16...cxd5 17.cxd5 Nxe4 18.Nxe4



Bxg1 -1.16/21

[18...Nxd5 19.h6 Bxg1 20.Rxg1♞]

[18...h6!-+ -1.64/17 19.Ne2 Bf5

(19...Nxd5 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Nxc5♞)]

19.Rxg1 -1.68/22

[19.h6 ̸ -1.16/21 was called for. Bf5
20.Rxg1]

19...Nf5 -0.97/18

[19...Nxd5 20.Qb3 Be6 21.Bg5 ̸]

[19...h6+ -1.68/22 20.Qd3 Nf5]

20.Qf2 -1.84/21

[20.h6 ̸ -0.97/18 keeps fighting.]

20...Nd4+ And now ...Bf5 would win.

21.Be3 Bf5 22.Bxd4 Bb6 would now be deadly. **22...Bxe4**

[22...exd4 23.Qg3 ̸ (23.Qxd4 Bxe4
24.fxe4 Qg5 ̸)]

23.Bb6 Qd7 -0.96/22

[23...Bxb1? loses. 24.Bxd8 Raxd8
25.h6+-]

[23...Qe8+ -2.07/20 24.Rc1 Qxh5]

24.Rd1 aiming for Qe2. **24...Qb5 -0.56/20**

[24...h6 ̸ -0.98/19 25.Qe3 Bh7]

25.Bc7 -1.20/21

[25.Be3 ̸ -0.56/20]

25...Ra6 26.Qe3 -1.53/18

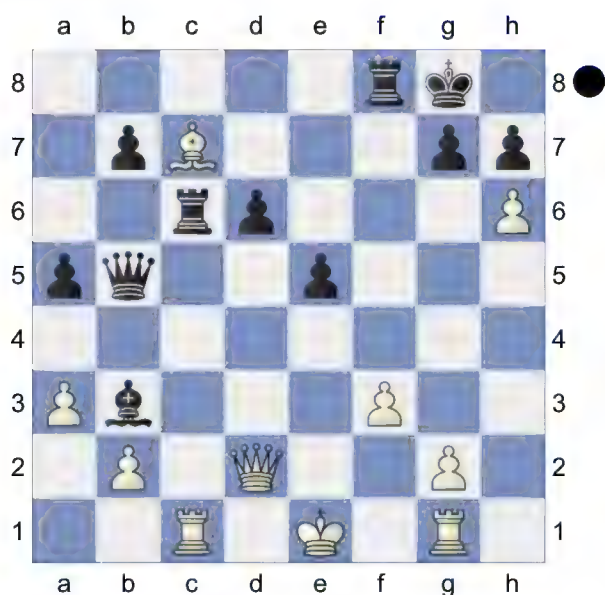
[̈26.Qd2 -1.01/18]

26...Bxd5 ̸ Strongly threatening ...Rc8!

27.h6 Rc6 28.Qd2 -2.71/22

[28.Rc1 ̸ -1.48/18 was the only
chance.]

28...Bb3 29.Rc1



Rxc1+ -0.57/17

[Black should play 29...Bc4!+-
-2.07/20 30.Bxa5 (30.Bxd6 Qb6 ̸)
30...e4 31.fxe4 Qc5]

30.Qxc1 ̸ White is weak on the light
squares **30...Qd7 0.00/23**

[30...Rf6! ̸ -0.52/20 31.hxg7 Rg6]

31.Bxa5= Rc8 32.Qe3 Bf7 33.Bc3

Qf5 34.Kf2 Re8 35.Re1 Re6 36.hxg7

Rg6 37.Re2 Bc4 38.Rd2 Qb1

Black has compensation. Really sharp!

[Weaker is 38...Kxg7 39.Bb4+-]

39.Re2? -9.90/22 Qh1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/
Black=0.28 (precise)

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E33

□ De Urquia,Jorge

■ Machado Escanio,Michel Rene

Chapter 15B Game 2

[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0

7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5

Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6

16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1

Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,

V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz

2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4

21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3

Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8

26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1

Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7

31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5

0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3

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[7...a5 8.Bg5 (8.b3) 8...h6 9.d5
hgx5 10.dxc6 g4]

8.b4 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5

11.Qxe5 With the idea Bb2. White has
an edge.

[11.Bb2 Re8 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.e3 a5
14.Bd3]

11...Re8 12.Qb2 Ng4 0.76/26

[12...Qd3 0.90/21 12...a5 0.08

13.Bg5 0.18/22 (13.f3!± 0.90/21)

13...Ng4 0.67/24 (13...a5= 0.18/22)

14.f3±

A) 14...Ne5 15.exd3 Nxd3+
16.Kd2 Nxb2

A1) 17.a4 Bd7? 1.84/22

(17...h6!= 0.24/24 and Black
stays safe. 18.Bh4 Bd7)

18.b5!+- Re5 2.36/23 (18...f6
1.84/24) 19.f4!+- Rc5 20.Kc3

Nxc4 And now ...Nb6+ would
win. 21.Kd4 Rxxg5 22.fxxg5;

A2) 17.Kc2 Na4! 18.Kb3 Nb6
19.Bf4;

B) 14...Qf5]

[12...a5= 0.07/23 remains equal.]

13.Qc3

[13.Bf4! g5 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.Bg3
0.48/26 (15.Bd2± 0.98/24) 15...f5

16.h3 f4 17.hxxg4 fxxg3 18.f3! Qe3
1.60/21 (18...a5 0.88/24) 19.Qc1?

0.05/27 (19.Qf6!± 1.60/21) 19...a5!=
(19...Qf2+ 20.Kd2 Qd4+ 21.Kc2

Qxc4+ 22.Kb2) 20.Qxe3 Rxe3
21.Rh5 Rxa3 0.93/24 (21...h6!=

0.18/25) 22.Rxxg5+± Kf7]

13...a5 14.Bb2! Qg5 15.h4

[15.Rd1 0.13/26 15.h4 0.68 axb4
(15...Ne5? 3.10/23 15...axb4 0.24

16.f4! Qxf4 17.Qxe5) 16.axb4 Ra2
17.h3 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 19.Bxf6

gxf6 20.e3 Bf5]

15...Qh6

[15...axb4 16.hxxg5 bxc3 17.Bxc3

Ra4 1.02/26 (17...Ne5± 0.50/26

18.e3 Bf5) 18.e3± Ne5 Prevents

Bd3. 19.c5 Bd7 Prevents Bb5.

20.0-0-0 Black must now prevent

Bxe5. Bc6 21.Bb4]

16.Rd1 0.52/22

[16.b5± 0.89/24]

16...axb4± 17.axb4 Ra6 0.91/21

[17...Ra2 18.Rh3 (18.g3 0.07/23

18.Rh3 0.64 Qf6 19.Qxf6 Nxf6

20.Bxf6 gxf6) 18...Be6 19.Rhd3 f6

0.92/25 (19...Qf6± 0.48/21 20.Qxf6

Nxf6 21.Bxf6 gxf6) 20.g3!± Ne5

21.Rd8 0.06/21 (21.Rd4± 0.58/21)

21...Rxd8= 22.Rxd8+ Kf7 23.f4

(23.e4 -1.09/24 23.Qb3 0.05 Qg6)

23...Qg6! ...Qb1+ is the strong threat.

24.fxe5 Qb1+ 25.Kf2 Qxb2]

[17...Ra2± 0.42/26 should be
considered.]

18.Rh3

[18.Qd2 0.13/23 18.h5 0.94 Qxd2+

19.Rxd2 Ra4 20.Bc3 c5 21.bxc5

White wants to play e3. Rxc4]

18...Rf6 1.48/22

[18...Nxf2? 3.73/22 18...f6 0.81

19.Re3 Rae6 20.Rxe6 Bxe6

21.Kxf2]

[18...Be6 19.Rhd3 Raa8 20.g3]

[18...f6 19.h5 Qg5 20.Bc1 Qe5

21.Rd5 Qe7 0.90/20 (21...Qxc3+!±

0.45/22 is more appropriate. 22.Rxc3

Ra1) 22.Rg3 0.43/23 (Better is

22.c5!± 0.90/20) 22...Ra2± 23.Rd2]

[Black should play 18...f6 0.91/22]

19.Bc1!± Qh5

[19...Qg6? 3.41/23 19...Qh5 1.86

20.f3 Nh6 4.78/22 (20...Nh2 21.h5;

20...Nf2 3.41/24 21.Kxf2 Bxxh3

22.gxxh3 Rd6 23.Rxd6 Qxd6)

21.h5+- Qf5 22.Rg3 Kf8 23.Rg5

Qe6 24.g4 Prevents Nf5. b6 25.Rdd5

Bb7 (25...Qc6 26.b5 Qa8 27.Ba3+)

26.Rde5]

20.f3

[20.Rd5 [1.21/23](#) 20.f3 1.78

A) [20...Qg6?](#) [3.72/23](#) 20...Rf5 1.16
21.f3 Nh6 22.Rg5 Qb1 23.Qxf6?
[0.00/31](#) (White should try 23.e4+-
[3.60/21](#) Rg6 24.Bd3) 23...Qxc1+=
24.Kf2 Nf5 25.Rxg7+ Nxc7
26.Rg3! Qe3+ 27.Ke1 Qc1+;

B) [20...Rf5](#) 21.Qd4 [0.85/21](#)
([21.f3!](#) [1.24/25](#) Rxd5 22.fxc4
Bxc4 23.cxd5 Bxc3 24.Qxc3)
21...Rxd5± 22.cxd5

B1) [22...c6](#) [1.21/21](#) 22...h6 0.78
23.d6 [0.45/21](#) (23.dxc6± [1.21/21](#)
bxc6 24.Rc3) 23...Bd7± 24.Bb2
Qg6 [0.86/25](#) (24...f6± [0.34/23](#))
25.Rd3;

B2) [22...h6±](#) [0.73/24](#);

B3) [22...Qf5](#) [1.77/23](#) 23.Rf3!+-
Qg6 [2.20/22](#) ([23...Qd7](#) [1.70/20](#)
24.Ra3 Qd6) 24.Rc3+- c6 25.f3
[0.84/24](#) (25.dxc6!+- [1.89/20](#)
is more deadly. bxc6 26.f3)
25...Nf6 [1.84/21](#) (25...Nh2±
[0.84/24](#) is a better defense.)
26.dxc6]

20...Ne5 [1.96/21](#)

[20...Qe5± [1.50/21](#) 21.Qxe5
(21.fxc4? Rxf1+ Remove Defender,
Decoy 22.Kxf1 Qxe2+ 23.Kg1
Qxd1+ 24.Kh2 Re1+-) 21...Nxe5]

21.g4!→ White wants a kill. **21...Nxc4**
[2.62/30](#)

[21...Qg6? [4.07/22](#) 21...Nxf3+ 1.82
22.Qxe5]

[21...Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3 Qxh4+ 23.Kd2
Hoping for Rxf6. Rd6+ 24.Kc2!
aiming for Rxd6. Bxc4 (24...Rxd1
25.Kxd1 Bxc4 26.Re3 Rd8+
27.Kc2) 25.Rxd6 Bxf3 26.Bb2]

[21...Bxc4 22.fxc4 Qxc4
...Qg1! would now be deadly. 23.Rd4

Qg1 24.Rf4]

[[21...Nxf3+](#) [1.85/25](#) 22.Rxf3 Qxh4+
23.Kd2 Rxf3 24.Qxf3 h5]

22.fxc4? [-0.12/24](#)

[22.Bg5! h6 (22...Rfe6 23.fxc4
Qxc4 24.Re3) 23.fxc4

A) [23...Bxc4?](#) [4.53/28](#) 23...Rxf1+ 2.
38 24.Bxf6 Bxe2 [7.76/20](#)
([24...Bxc3](#) [5.07/22](#) 25.Qxh3 gxf6
26.Qg3+ Kf8) 25.Rd8;

B) [23...Rxf1+](#) 24.Kxf1 Bxc4
25.Re3! Rxe3 (25...Bxe2+?
[4.42/22](#) 25...Rxe3 2.16 26.Kf2
Rxe3 27.Rd8+) 26.Qxe3 hxc4
27.Rd8+]

[White has to play 22.Bg5!+- [2.62/30](#)]

22...Bxc4=

[22...Qxc4? [2.19/26](#) 22...Bxc4 -0.12

A) [23.Re3?](#) [-0.07/23](#) 23.Rh2 2.26
Qxh4+ 24.Kd2 Rxe3 25.Qxe3
Rd6+ 26.Kc3 Be6 27.Rxd6!
(27.Rd4? [-3.16/22](#) 27.Rxd6 -0.09
Qe1+) 27...Qxc4+ 28.Kd2 Qxb4+;

B) [23.Rh2](#) Qg1? [4.22/21](#) (23...h5
[2.40/22](#) 24.Rd3 c5) 24.Qxf6!+-
Qxh2 25.Bf4 Qh1 [7.09/20](#)
([25...gxf6](#) [4.04/21](#) 26.Bxc4 Bf5
27.Bxc7 Re4) 26.Qe7]

23.Re3 Qxh4+

[Don't go for 23...Rxf1+? 24.Kxf1 Rf8
(24...Bxe2+? is the wrong capture.
25.Kg2+-) 25.Bb2+-]

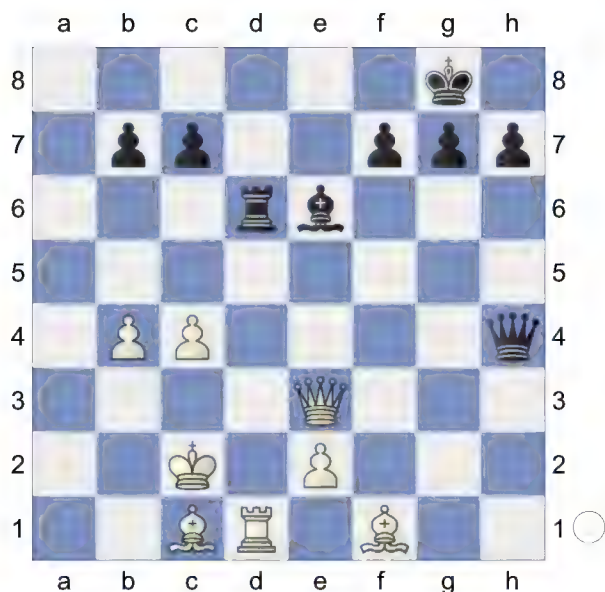
24.Kd2 Ra8 [2.68/22](#) Black is now going
downhill.

[24...Qg5? [1.89/21](#) 24...Rxe3 -0.13
25.Kc2 Bf5+? [4.96/19](#) (25...Rfe6
[1.87/22](#) is a better chance. 26.Rd5
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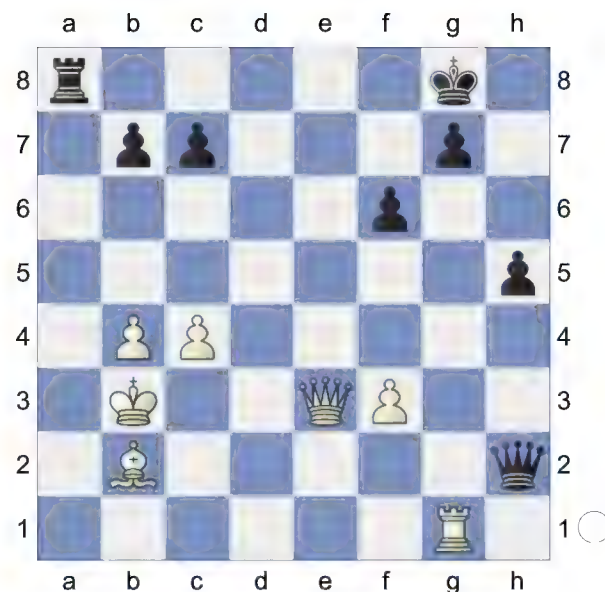
[24...Rd8+ 25.Kc2 Bf5+ 26.Kb3]

[24...Rd6+ 25.Kc2 Rxe3

A) [26.Qxe3](#) Be6 [2.77/26](#)
(26...Bf5+ [1.97/22](#) might work
better. 27.Kb2 h6 28.Rxd6 cxd6)

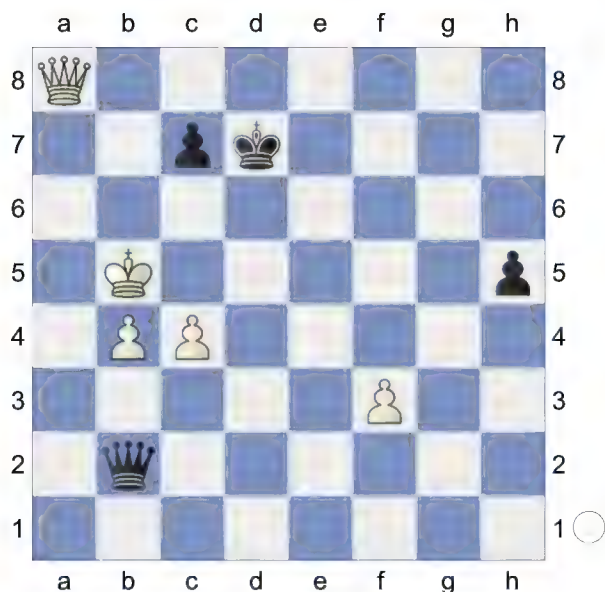


27.Rxd6!+- Qxc4+ 28.Qc3 cxd6
 29.Qxc4 Bxc4 30.Bg2 b5
 31.Bf3? 0.73/26 (31.Bf4+- 2.42/27);
B) 26.Bxe3 Rxd1 2.17/20
 (26...Qh1 1.70/24 27.Bd4 h5)
 27.Kxd1+- Qh1 28.Ke1 Bh3
 29.Bg1!]
 [24...Rxe3!= -0.06/25 25.Qxe3 Re6]
25.Kc2+- Bf5+
 [25...b5 3.75/19 25...Rf2 2.47 26.Bg2
 Rb8 27.cxb5 Bf5+ 28.Kb2 Rfb6
 29.Rd4 Qf6 30.Bc6]
26.Kb3 Be6 4.15/21
 [26...Bb1? 4.50/22 26...Re6 2.62
A) 27.Rh3? -0.67/20 27.Qa1 4.48
 Qe4! (-> ...Ba2+) 28.Rd4? -#2/19
 (28.Rhd3 ̄ -0.65/24 Qe8 29.b5
 Bxd3 30.exd3) 28...Ba2+ 29.Kb2
 Qb1#;
B) 27.Qa1]
 [26...Re6 2.89/19 keeps fighting.
 27.Rg3 Bg6]
27.Bh3 Bxh3 28.Rxh3 Qg4 29.Rf3
Rxf3 30.exf3 Qg2 31.Bb2 h5 6.99/22
 [231...f6 4.90/20 32.Rd7 Re8
 33.Rxc7 Qe2]
32.Qe3 f6 33.Rg1 Qh2
 (Diagram)



34.Rxg7+!! Decoy 34...Kxg7 KQR-KQB
35.Qg5+ Kf7
 [35...Kh7 36.Qf5+ Kg8 37.Qg6+]
36.Qxf6+ Ke8 37.Qe6+ Kf8 38.Qf6+
Ke8 39.Qh8+
 [39.Qg6+ Kd7 (39...Kf8 40.Bg7+
 Ke7 41.Bf6+ Kd6) 40.Qf7+ Kd6
 41.c5+ Kc6 42.Qe6+ Kb5 43.Qd7+
 c6 44.Qxb7#]
39...Kd7 40.Qxa8 5.40/25
 [240.Qh7+ #16/18 Kc6 41.Qe4+
 Kd7 42.Qf5+ Ke8 43.Qg6+ Kd7
 44.Qf7+ Kd6 45.c5+ Kc6 46.Qe6+
 Qd6 47.cxd6]
40...Qd2 41.Qxb7
 [41.Qa4+ Ke7 42.Qb5 Threatens to
 win with Qe5+. Qd1+ 43.Ka2 Qxf3
 44.Qe5+ Kd7 45.Bc1 Qg2+ 46.Kb3
 Strongly threatening Qf5+. Qf3+
 47.Kc2]
41...Qd1+ 42.Ka3 Qd3+ 43.Ka4 Qc2+
44.Kb5 Qxb2 KQ-KQ 45.Qd5+ Kc8
46.Qa8+? 0.31/5
 [46.Qxh5+- 6.67/30 Qf6 47.Qd5
 Qb6+ 48.Ka4 Qa6+ 49.Kb3]
46...Kd7±

(Diagram)



47.Qd5+ White is clearly winning.
47...Kc8 48.Qxh5 Qf6 49.Qd5 Qb6+
50.Ka4 Qa6+ 51.Kb3 Qa1 52.b5
Qb1+ 53.Kc3 Qc1+ 54.Kd4
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/
 Black=0.64
1-0

A50

□ **The Lunge**

■ **F1 Bd3**

[R Palliser, Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N**

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+

Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.e4 e6 5.f4 Ng6 6.Bd3 Bringing some support to his large centre, although after. With the idea e5.
6...exd5 White must still decide what to do with it.

7.e5 -0.33/20

[Tempting, but this turns out to be too ambitious. The immediate **7.cxd5** doesn't give Black such strong and active counterplay. Black continues with Bb4+ and now

A) 8.Bd2? -0.46/21 8.Nc3 0.48 loses a pawn after Qe7! with threats to d5, e4 and f4;

B) Orlov's suggestion of 8.Kf1!? 0-0 9.e5 Ne8! deserves attention, although he appears to have been correct to conclude here that White's ambitious play isn't especially convincing: the knight may have been driven back to e8, but ...d6 will leave White's centre rather vulnerable, such as after 10.Nf3 d6 11.a3 **-1.72/24** (11.Qb3? **-0.90/18** was worth a try. a5 12.e6) 11...Bc5 **-0.94/22** (11...Ba5!-+ **-1.72/24** Hoping for ... dxe5. 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.Bxg6 fxg6) 12.b4?! **-2.28/19** (White is loath to give Black a pleasant edge after 12 exd6 Nxd6 and then ...Nf5) (12.Nc3? **-0.94/22** keeps fighting.) 12...Bb6-+ 13.Nc3 (to defend d5)

dx e5 14.fxe5 and now 14...Bg4 undermines e5, but even stronger here is Nxe5! , exploiting the loose pieces down the h8-a1 diagonal;

C) 8.Nc3 0-0 gives Black counterplay and a reasonable position. White is a little weak on the kingside (...Ng4 and ...Bc5 is one strong possibility): 9.Nge2 (as Orlov points out, 9.e5? -1.99/20 9.Nf3 0.41 Nxd5 10.Bxg6 backfires after Nxc3!) 9...d6

C1) possibly worried about castling kingside, White attempts to change the course of the game; 10.h3 should probably be preferred; then 10...Bc5 is well met by 11 Na4, but Black could consider the ambitious

C1a) 10...c6 also should give good counterplay as White doesn't want a weak d-pawn and weaknesses down the e-file after ...cxd5, but 11.dxc6 -0.25/19 (11.0-0± 0.41/22) 11...bxc6 0.25/19 (11...Qb6 -0.25/19) 12.0-0= Re8 gives Black sufficient activity in this unclear position;

C1b) 10...Nh5!? 11.0-0 Qh4 , hoping to get in ...f5;

C2) 10.0-0± 0.32/21;

C3) 10.f5?! -0.70/20 10...Ne5 11.Bg5 c6! (of course it's essential to break out and thereby increase Black's dark-squared play) 12.a3 -1.17/19 (12.Ng3 -0.79/19) 12...Bxc3+ 0.28/20 (12...Bc5! 1.17/19) White must now prevent ...h6. 13.h3 h6) 13.Nxc3= Qb6 0.78/24 (13...Re8= 0.24/20)

14.Be2 -0.27/22 and now (14.Bxf6± 0.78/24 gxf6 15.Be2)

C3a) Black doesn't have to play so ambitiously; also tempting is 14...Qxb2!? , which looks like quite a useful grab due to the neat tactical trick 15.Na4 -1.42/20 (15.Qc1= -0.19/23 remains equal. Qxc1+ 16.Rxc1) 15...Nd3+! 16.Kf1 (16.Bxd3? -2.97/19 16.Kf1 -0.45 Qxg2 wins the exchange) 16...Qd4 -0.55/21 (16...Qe5! 1.34/23 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxd3 cxd5) 17.Bxd3 18.Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxe4 picking up three pawns, leaving White poorly coordinated and Black with good compensation for the piece;

C3b) 14...Qxb2= -0.27/22 15.Qc1 Qxc1+ 16.Rxc1 h6 17.Bxf6 gxf6;

C3c) 14...Re8 0.56/19 15.Bxf6± gxf6 16.Qd2 0.25/18 (16.Qc2± 0.73/20) 16...Bxf5! was an interesting piece sacrifice, aimed against the central white monarch and White's poor coordination, in Pomar Salamanca-Van Geet, Beverwijk 1967.]

[7.exd5?! -1.33/22 7.cxd5 0.21 also hopes to limit Black's counterplay, but now the weakening f4 sticks out like a sore thumb: Bb4+! -0.70/26 (an immediate 7...Bc5! is tempting but is well met by 8.Qe2+! Ne7 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.Qxe3 0-0! ...Nexd5! would now be deadly. 11.Ne2!; 7...Bc5! 1.33/22 Strongly threatening ...0-0.

8.Qe2+ Ne7) 8.Bd2 -1.35/22 (or 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nge2 Re8 with a good game for Black, such as after 10.0-0 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Ng4; Better is 8.Nc3 -0.70/26) 8...Qe7+ exploits the weakness of f4 when 9.Kf1 -2.21/21 (9.Ne2? -3.01/21 9.Qe2 -1.32 Nxf4; or 9.Qe2? Bxd2+ and 10...Nxf4; 9.Qe2 -1.31/21 Bxd2+ 10.Kxd2 Nxf4 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.Bc2)

A) Orlov's 9...Bxd2 -0.75/22 9...b5 -2.11 10.Qxd2 Ne4 0.04/23 is also possible, although then. Wards off Nc3 (10...Qd6! -1.06/22 11.Ne2 b5 12.Qe3+ Kf8) 11.Bxe4! Qxe4 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Nxe2 doesn't seem so clear; Black has a bishop, but a strong white knight is going to settle on d4;

B) 9...0-0!?

B1) 10.Nf3? -2.11/20 10.Nc3 -1.74 Ng4! -0.94/21 immediately highlights the vulnerability of the e3-square (10...b5!+ -2.11/20 11.Bc1 bxc4 12.Bxc4 d6);

B2) 10.a3 -1.54/24 is a better defense. Bxd2 11.Qxd2;

B3) 10.Qe2 -2.31/22 10...Qd6!+ favours Black. For example, 11.g3 Re8 12.Bxb4 Qxb4 13.Qd2 Qc5! keeps the strong initiative going.]

[7.cxd5 = 0.18/24 Bb4+ 8.Nc3]

7...Ne4 8.cxd5 Black is slightly better.

[White hopes that the ensuing complications are in his favour. In any case, it's too late to back out, for example, 8.Bxe4?! -1.69/20 8.cxd5 -0.38 dxe4 9.Nc3 d6! retains the extra pawn and leaves Black much better.]

8...Qh4+ 0.00/26

[8...Bb4+! -0.45/21 feels stronger. 9.Kf1 f5]

9.g3= Bb4+!

[This not only hopes for some very pretty mates, but is also probably strongest. Instead 9...Nxc3!? 10.Nf3 Qh3 11.Rg1 Nf5 Threatens to win with ...Bc5. 12.Bf1 -1.05/18 (12.Qe2= 0.00/19) 12...Qh6 (C.Collins-Sveinsson, correspondence 2000) doesn't seem so clear as the black queen may well turn out to be misplaced on h6, although she does still control the important h4- and f4-squares from there.]

[9...Nxc3!? 10.Nf3 Qh3=]

10.Bd2? -2.60/20 This costs White the game.

[Cracking under pressure. The king is unable to move, for then 10...Nxc3 would come with check. Also losing is 10.Nd2? -2.50/20 10.Nc3 0.42 Nxc3 when 11.Ngf3 Nxf4! is crushing as the queen is immune due to the mate threat on d3.]

[However, 10.Nc3! isn't so bad when

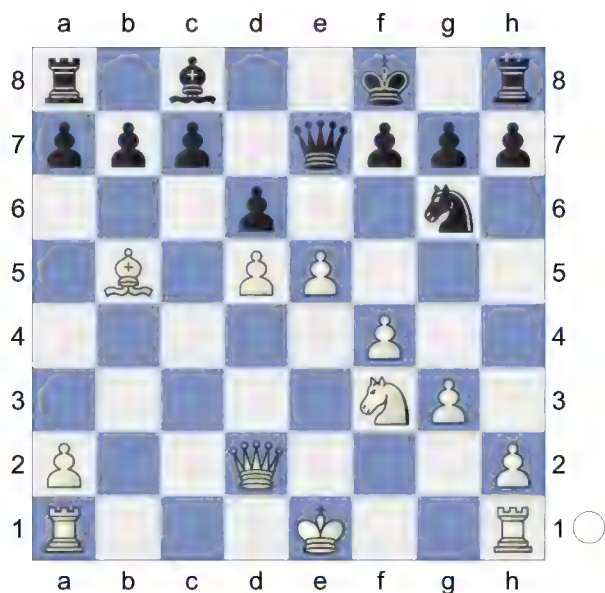
A) again simpler than 10...Nxc3!? (-> ...Ne4+) 11.Nf3 Qh3 12.Rg1! when Nf5!? 0.85/20 (12...Nh5 13.Bf1 Qf5 14.Bd3 forces a repetition after. Prevents Qe4+. Qh3! 15.Bf1; 12...Nh5!= 0.03/20) 13.Bf1! -0.61/18 drives the queen back to h6 (White has to play 13.Qe2± 0.85/20 c5 14.Kd1 Bxc3 15.bxc3);

B) 10...Nxc3= 0.00/22 11.Nf3 Qh3;

C) 10...Nxc3! 0.66/20

C1) 11.gxh4?! -1.71/17 11.bxc3 0.71 Nxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Nxh4 -1.09/20 leaves Black a

clear pawn up in the ending (12...d6-+ -1.71/19 13.h5 Ne7);
C2) 11.bxc3± Bxc3+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qe7 14.Nf3 d6 (Orlov) at least gives White some practical chances for the pawn after 15.Bb5+! -0.75/21 . However, Black is still quite solid and is successfully undermining e5: (15.e6± 0.48/21 keeps the upper hand.) 15...Kf8? 2.35/18 (15...Bd7± -0.75/21 16.Bxd7+ Qxd7)



16.Qc3? 0.31/20 (16.e6!+- 2.35/18) 16...Bg4 0.88/21 (16...Bh3± 0.31/20) 17.0-0± Bxf3 18.Rxf3 aiming for Re1. dxe5 19.Re1! 0.40/19 (19.Re3± 0.85/23) 19...e4!± 20.f5 -0.62/21 (20.Ba4± 0.31/21) 20...Ne5± 21.Rf4 regains one of the pawns but leaves the knight securely cemented on e5 after f6 22.Rfxe4 Qd6 . Here Black should be able to complete his development with ...Kf7 as. ... Qb6+ is the strong threat. 23.Rc1 -1.54/20 (White should try

23.Ba4 -0.88/19) 23...Rc8 -0.96/18 keeps c7 covered. (23...Qb6+ -1.54/20 24.Qc5+ Qxc5+ 25.Rxc5 Rc8)]

[10.Nc3!± 0.33/20 is the one way to stay ahead. Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kf1 (12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qe7=)]

10...Nxc3!+- Pin 11.Nf3



Nxf4! Double Attack. Black has a decisive advantage. 12.Bf1

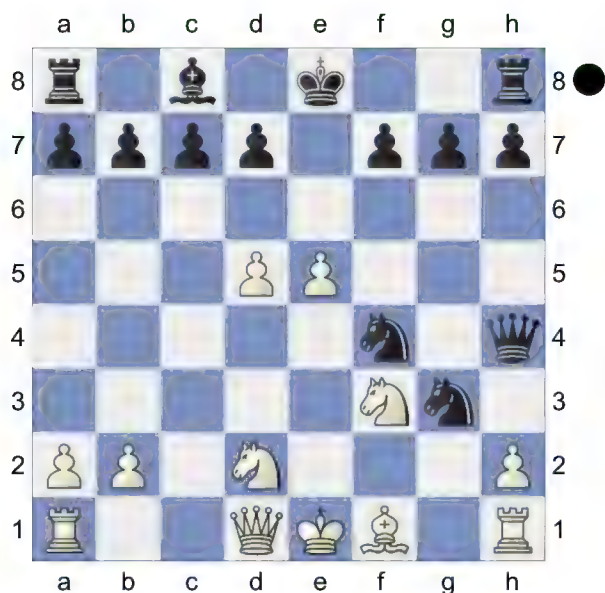
[Desperately trying to cover the weakened kingside light squares as again 12.Nxh4? -#1/15 12.Bb5 -2.60 Nxd3# is mate,] [whilst 12.Bxb4? -4.23/17 12.Bf1 -2.34 reveals another strength of having the queen on h4 after Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qxb4+ (Orlov), winning a clear rook.]

12...Bxd2+!

[Simple chess. As Orlov has demonstrated, 12...Ng2+? -0.21/17 12...Bxd2+ -1.99 13.Bxg2 Qe4+ 14.Kf2 Nxh1+ 15.Kg1! is nowhere near as clear with White gaining two pieces for the rook and pawns.] [12...Nxh1+? 13.Nxh4 Nxd5 14.Qf3 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2+- (15.Nxd2 Ne7+-)]

13.Nbxd2

[Avoiding deadly simplification after **13.Qxd2?** -3.28/21 **13.Nbxd2** -2.25 Nxf1+ 14.Nxh4 Nxd2 , but running into another beautiful tactic.]



13...Qh3 , transposing to move 13 in the main line. Deflection **14.--**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.10 (very precise)

[With the key point that after **14.Ng5** Qg2! the queen remains immune on the light squares due to the amazing knight pair – a delightful piece of analysis by Orlov.]

[Instead **14.Rg1** Nxf1 just left Black two pawns up, as we've seen, in Elburg-Simmelink, correspondence 1999.]

[14.Qb1 Nxf1]

White Develops Classically

H2 F3

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A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.f3 Bxc3+!

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[However, if White omits a3 then Black's play looks a little slow. One crushing example was Zhu Chen-Klinova, Yerevan Women's Olympiad 1996, which progressed 7...0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.h4! Bc5 11.h5 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 Ne7 13.g4 when White's attack was well underway, whilst Black lacked any counterplay. The game continued impressively c6 14.0-0-0 cxd5 15.cxd5 Qb6!? 16.Qd2!? (White must also have been very tempted to exchange queens, her extra space then granting her a favourable ending) a5 (Orlov offers 16...Nc5 17.Ng3 f6 , intending 18 Nf5 Rf7, as an improvement, but that still looks too slow: White has already made much progress on the kingside, and the position is also similar to a Sämisch King's Indian in which Black can often land up being worse on the queenside; after say 18.Kb1 and maybe 19 Rc1,

any black attack looks too slow, and White can always trade pieces on the queenside) 17.Ng3 Nc5 18.Bb5! a4 19.Kb1 Ra5 20.Nf5! Nxf5 21.gxf5 Rxb5 22.Nxb5 Qxb5 23.f6! with a crushing attack.]

8.bxc3 d6 9.Qd2 -0.10/25 Karpov's choice, but others have aimed to cause Black difficulties with a number of different approaches:

[a) **9.Bd3 -0.26/23** 9.h4 0.52 transposes to H1.]

[b) **9.g3 0-0 0.37/25** (9...b6= 0.00/22) 10.Bh3!? **-0.53/23** aims to frustrate Black's pieces on the kingside à la Karpov, but after (10.Qd2± 0.37/25) 10...Nd7! 11.Qd2 b6 12.Rb1 **-0.95/24** (12.Bf1± **-0.42/23**) 12...Nc5± 13.Bxc8 Qxc8 14.Ne2 **-1.32/22** (White should play 14.Bxc5 **-0.87/25** bxc5 15.h4) 14...Qa6 **-0.90/22** Black's queen was well placed on a6 against White's weakened queenside in Leskiewicz-Lazovic, Bled 1999, and (Δ14...f5 **-1.32/22** 15.exf5 Qxf5) 15.Rb5 **-1.86/20** (15.g4± **-0.90/22**)



15...f5! increased the pressure.]

[c) **9.g4?! again** aims to cramp Black

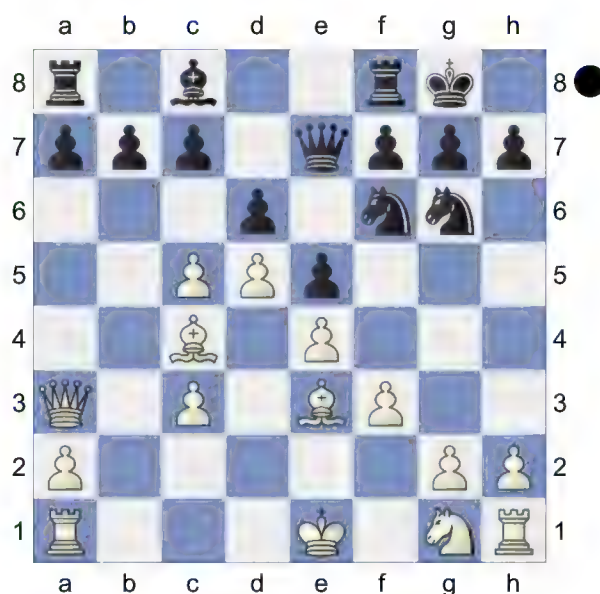
on the kingside, but 0-0 -0.10/22 (9...Nd7 ̄ -0.85/24) 10.Qd2 -0.48/19 (10.h3= -0.10/22) 10...c6! 0.15/21 is a key break to gain counterplay. An exchange on c6 is possible, but then the opening of the b-file and White's doubled c-pawns outweigh the weakness of d6. Instead Vujovic-Lukic, correspondence 1980 continued (10...h5! ̄ -0.48/19 11.h3 Nd7) 11.Bg5?! -0.89/23 (hoping to provoke a weakness to attack, but even here this idea is too slow) (11.h3= 0.15/21) 11...cxd5 12.cxd5 h6! 13.Be3 when Black capitalised on his lead in development with Bxg4! 14.fxg4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 -1.06/21 (15.Qd3! ̄ -0.61/24 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Qxg4+ 17.Kc2) 15...Qh4+ ̄ 16.Bf2 Nxf2 -0.38/18 (16...Qxg4 ̄ -1.11/23 ...Nxf2 would now be deadly. 17.Bh3 Qf4) 17.Qxf2 ̄ Qxg4 , gaining three pawns for the piece and with a good position to boot.]

[d) 9.c5 0-0 and now:

A) 10.g3?! -0.46/21 10.Qd2 0.49 Nd7 0.43/24 (Better is 10...c6 ̄ -0.46/21 11.c4 cxd5 12.cxd5 dxc5) 11.cxd6± cxd6 12.Bd3 -0.56/23 (12.h4± 0.43/20) 12...Qa5 didn't impress in Spiller-Orlov; evidently White mustn't rush to exchange on d6 but should aim to be less obliging, for example;

B) One challenging continuation is 10.Bb5!? Bd7 (avoiding the intended 10...Nd7 0.27/23 10...Bd7 -0.39 11.c6!) 11.Bc4 Qe7 0.22/22 (11...Ne8 ̄ -0.32/22) 12.Qb3 -1.11/22 , hoping to clamp Black's queenside after 12...b6? 13 c6!. However, instead 12...Rfb8 is possible as is simply (12.cxd6=

0.22/22 remains equal. Qxd6 13.Bd3) 12...Bc8! 0.38/20 , asking White just what his queen and light-squared bishop are really doing and intending ...Nd7 and ...b6 after 13 cxd6 cxd6. As we have seen, following f3 White must beware of piece sacrifices with his monarch still on e1, and (12...dxc5 ̄ -1.11/22 13.Ne2 b5) 13.Qa3?! -1.24/23 (13.cxd6± 0.38/20 cxd6 14.Rc1)



13...Nxe4! ̄ 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd2 Qxe4 gave Black good compensation for the knight in Deak-Berkes, Hungary 1998. The white king is misplaced, and ...Nf4 and/or ...Bf5 will increase the pressure. With g2 set to fall, Black will gain at least three pawns for the piece.;

C) 10.h4?! is also possible, logically attacking on the kingside and hoping for 10...h5, ceding control of g5. However, Nh5! 11.Bf2 -0.17/21 Against Ng3 (11.g4± 0.57/23 Ng3 12.Rh2) 11...c6!= 12.g4 Nhf4 0.37/21

(12...Nf6!= -0.12/22) 13.h5± Ne7!
then saw White's centre being
seriously undermined in I.Jelen-
Dizdarevic, Ljubljana 1992. White
attempted to prop it up, but only
made matters worse after 14.cxd6?!
-0.34/20 (14.c4!± 0.45/21)
14...Qxd6± 15.c4?! -1.11/20
(15.Ne2!± -0.37/19) 15...cxd5±
16.cxd5 Bxg4! , netting a key pawn
due to 17.fxg4? -4.05/21 (17.h6±
-0.90/19) 17...Qb4+ , 18...Qxe4+
and 19...Qxh1.;

D) 10.Ne2 is more sensible, when
Nd7 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Qd2 b6?!
(Black should instead copy Orlov's
lead with 12...Qa5!; or even aim to
exploit the weak c4-square with
12...Nb6!?) 13.h4! was even a little
awkward in Trevelyan-Bigg, British
League 2000.;

E) 10.--]

[9.h4± 0.48/24]

Nothing too scary in those alternatives
then, but can 9 Qd2 really be so
threatening?

9...0-0! 0.57/23

[Simply castling before deciding
whether to gain counterplay with ...
Nd7, ...Nh5 or ...c6. Instead as we
have seen **9...Nd7** was rather
committal in Karpov-Chevallier after
10.h4 h6 11.g3 b6 12.Nh3 Nc5
(Orlov has suggested 12...Ba6!?
0.24/24 12...Ne7 -0.18 , intending ...
Rc8 and ...c6) 13.Nf2 Qd7 14.Rb1
, although then Black had to try Qa4!?
0.18/22 . (14...Qe7 -0.23/23)]

[9...b6= -0.10/25]

10.Bd3 0.12/25

[Simply developing as now **10.h4**
would be met by Nh5! as in Jelen-
Dizdarevic above.]

[Again **10.c5** is possible, and after
Nd7 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Bd3 0.02/24
there is nothing wrong with the
standard 12...Qa5, but also interesting
is (12.h4± 0.54/21) 12...Nf4!?=
13.Bxf4 exf4 (Anuszkiewicz-
Miroshnichenko, Polanica Zdroj 2000).
This fine positional pawn sacrifice
gives Black the initiative and good
play on the dark squares after 14.Qxf4
(14.Nh3 Qh4+! 15.Nf2! Ne5
White must now prevent ...Bh3! 16.0-0
Re8 17.Bb5 Re7 was also very
reasonable for Black in the game:
he controlled e5, while the f4-pawn
exerted a strong cramping effect and
Black later broke with a well-timed ...
f5) 14...Nc5 and 15...f5.]

[10.c5± 0.57/23 might be stronger.]

10...Nh5! The position is equal.

[Sharp and critical, but due to the
insertion of Bd3 and 0-0, **10...Nd7!?**
is also playable because of 11.h4
Nc5

A) instead White can copy Karpov
and drive Black backwards with
12.Bxc5!? 0.00/23 12.Bc2 0.37
dxc5 13.g3 h6! 14.h5 -0.14/21
(14.Nh3 0.25/20 should be
considered .) 14...Nh8
as in Delabaca-Boudre, Cannes
1993; the knight looks a little silly
on h8 but, just as in certain lines of
the Advance French, it will emerge
after 15...f6 and 16...Nf7 when, with
it set for the beautiful d6-square,
Black shouldn't have any problems;

B) 12.Bc2± 0.36/21
is more appropriate.;

C) 12.h5 -0.13/23 12...Nxd3+
0.32/19 (12...Nh8= -0.13/23)
13.Qxd3± Nf4! .]

11.Ne2 -0.23/18

[11.0-0-0± 0.40/19]

11...f5!= 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Rxf5 14.g4?! -1.14/19 Winning a piece but at a large cost in terms of king safety and Black's activity. Readers may well notice the similarity with the superb game Beliavsky-Nunn, Wijk aan Zee 1985, and here too Black has excellent compensation. Play now followed the fairly forced line:

[14.0-0!= -0.23/19 keeps the balance. Nhf4 15.Ng3]

14...Rxf3 Threatens to win with ... Qh4+.

[14...Nh4? 15.0-0-0+-]

15.gxh5 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Qe4

[16...Qxh5 17.Kc2

17.Qc2! The only way to stay on the board.

[17.Ng3 Rxc3 (17...Qxe3? too greedy. 18.Qxe3 Rxe3 19.hxc6+-) 18.hxc3 Qxh1+ 19.Qe1 Qxh5+ 20.Kd2 Rf8+-]

17...Qxc2+ 0.04/20

[17...Qxc4 18.Bd2 Nh4 19.Qb3±]

[Black should try 17...Qxe3 -1.01/20 18.hxc6 hxc6]

18.Kxc2= Rxe3 19.Kd2 Rxe2+ Remove Defender 20.Kxe2 Nf4+

21.Kf3 Nxh5 with good compensation for the exchange in T.Taylor-V.West, Los Angeles 2004. Black has two healthy pawns for the exchange but must be careful not to let White's king and rooks become too active. In the game White actually tried a c5 sacrifice which, after an inaccuracy from Black, won the e5-pawn when the position was rather unclear. With careful play, though, Black should be better due to his superior structure.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.25 (precise)

□ The Lunge

■ Nc3,A

[R Palliser,MH]

A50

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N**

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc3 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.Nc3 e6

[Sensibly developing and beginning to put pressure on d5, which will be increased by ...Bb4, exploiting one of the downsides to White's natural last move. Instead **4...Nxc4?** concedes far too much space and time: 5.e4 Nb6 (5...Ne5 6.f4 Ng6 7.e5 Ng8 is also very grim for Black when it is not at all clear how he can develop his pieces) 6.e5 Ng8 7.Nf3 d6 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.e6! fxe6 10.dxe6 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 c6 12.Nbd4 , intending only now Ng5, was excellent for White due

to the huge cramping effect exerted by the e6-pawn in Goregliad-Stenzel, Nassau 2000.]

5.e4

[**5.dxe6** fxe6 6.e4 is also possible when Black can continue to pressurise White's centre with Bb4, after which he may be able to get in a quick ...0-0 and ...d5.]

[5.dxe6 fxe6 6.e4 Bc5!? is also tempting, when 7.Be2! should be met by d5! (immediately seizing the initiative; 7...0-0? 8.f4 Ng6 9.e5 Ne8 10.g3! successfully eliminated Black's counterplay, leaving his knights misplaced, in Fugulyan-Schmid, Miercurea Ciuc 2002) 8.cxd5 exd5 9.exd5 (now 9.f4 is met by Neg4) 9...0-0 with a strong initiative for the pawn. Then f2 is very vulnerable, whilst 10.Nf3! Nxf3+ (10...Nfg4 11.Ne4! appears to defend) 11.Bxf3 Re8+ 12.Kf1 Bf5 gives Black compensation for the pawn due to his well placed bishops and the misplaced white king.]

5...Bb4

[Increasing the pressure, but Black can also first flick in **5...exd5** 0.31/19 5...Bc5 -0.14 which is by no means bad, even if the option of a ...b5 sacrifice to blast open further lines has gone: 6.cxd5

A) Orlov's 6...Bc5!? also deserves attention, when his 7.Be2 Threatening f4. d6 8.Nf3 Nfg4!? 0.70/20 maintains a knight on e5, whilst the dark-squared bishop is quite well placed, and leads to an unbalanced and unclear position, such as after (8...0-0= 0.07/19) 9.Nxe5!± Nxe5 10.b4 Bb6! 11.0-0 (11.Na4!?) 11...Qh4!;

B) 6...Bb4

B1) trying to take advantage of the early exchange on d5; 7.f4 Ng6! would leave e4 potentially vulnerable after ...0-0, ...d6 and ... Re8: 8.e5!? -0.49/19 is possible, but (8.Bd3!± 0.54/21) 8...Ne4!± 9.Qf3 f5! , securing the knight unless White wishes to give up his centre, appears to give Black a good game;

B2) 7.f4± 0.41/21 Ng6 8.Bd3;

B3) 7.Qd4 -0.39/19 7...Qe7± created some nasty dark-squared threats (just because the bishop has gone to b4 doesn't mean that it cannot still go to c5!) in Gravagna-Delchev, Bastia (rapid) 1999. Now Black would have been comfortable after

B3a) but instead 8.Nf3? -1.21/22 8.Bg5 -0.36 Neg4! forced the win of a pawn after 9.Be3 -2.10/20 (9.Bg5± -1.20/18 Bc5 10.Qd2) 9...Nxe3+ 10.fxe3 Qxe4 .;

B3b) 8.Bf4 ,]

6.Qc2 -0.14/20 Defending e4 and hoping not to expose the queen to attack, but White has tried to develop, albeit without much success, in a number of other ways:

[a) **6.Nf3?** -1.54/20 6.f4 0.52 is far too ambitious as here, unlike after 4 e4 Nxe4?, the tactics favoured Black in Pouladi-Gupta, Tehran 2004, after the forcing Nxe4! 7.Nxe5 Nxc3! 8.Qb3 Nxd5+ 9.Kd1 Bd6! whereupon 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.cxd5 c6 -0.53/17 left Black a clear pawn ahead. (11...Qh4± -1.50/18 Strongly threatening ...Qh5+.

12.dxe6+ dxe6)]

[6.f4!? Ng6 7.Qf3]

[6.f4!?]

[d) 6.f4 Ng6! (sadly 6...Nxe4?! is unconvincing due to 7.Qd4! Qh4+! 8.g3 Nxc3! 9.hxc3! Qxh1 10.fxe5)

A) 7.e5!? -0.62/19 7.Bd3 0.43 is perhaps the best chance White ever has for this advance, although still Ne4! (Orlov) 8.Qd3 exd5 9.cxd5 and then f5 0.78/19, (or 9...Nxc3! 10.bxc3 Bc5 And now ...d6 would win. 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 0-0! and ...d6, secures adequate counterchances.; 9...Nxc3! -0.48/20 stays ahead. 10.bxc3 Ba5);

B) 7.Bd3 Hoping for e5. 7...exd5 8.cxd5 0-0 (once again avoiding 8...d6?? 3.44/19 8...0-0 0.43 9.Qa4+) and Black has a good position for White may well regret weakening the a7-g1 diagonal, whilst 9.Nf3?! Re8 highlights the weakness of e4.]

[6.f4± 0.37/19 Ng6 7.Bd3]

Back to 6 Qc2:

6...exd5= 7.cxd5 0-0

[7...Qe7 0.33/18 7...0-0 -0.15 is similar when 8.Bd2 -0.16/18 (8.Nge2!± 0.33/18 might be stronger.) 8...0-0= 9.f3 c6! shows that the queen may well become vulnerable down the c-file. Then. aiming for ...cxd5. 10.0-0-0 cxd5 11.exd5 -1.21/18 (11.Nxd5 -0.75/20 Nxd5 12.exd5) 11...d6± 12.g4 b5!? White must now prevent ...Bxc3. 13.g5 Nfd7 -0.96/20, with the knight en route to c5 or to b6, gave Black good compensation in Kolas-H.Hagesaether, Oslo 2002. (13...Nh5 -1.36/22 14.Kb1 a6)]

8.Bd2 -0.67/19

[8.f4!= -0.11/19 Ng6 9.Bd3]

8...Re8!± 9.Be2 Black is better. 9...c6!

10.dxc6

[10.f4 -1.69/21 10.dxc6 -1.12 Ng6 11.dxc6 -2.99/18 (11.Nh3± -1.60/18 is a better defense.)



11...Bxc3!-+ 12.bxc3 Nxe4 doesn't help as Black is much better,]

[whilst 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 -1.83/21 (11.gxf3± -1.47/20 cxd5 12.0-0-0 dxe4 13.Rhg1) 11...cxd5 simply nets a pawn.]

10...d5!?

[The simple and less flashy 10...Nxc6 was also strong when 11...Nd4 would have been a large threat, whilst. Threatens to win with ...d5. 11.Nf3 does nothing to defend the en prise e-pawn.]

11.Nf3

[White must develop as 11.exd5 -1.66/19 11.Nf3 -0.93 Nxd5! 12.cxb7? -4.00/17 (12.Nxd5± -1.39/20 Qxd5 13.Bxb4 Nd3+ 14.Kf1 Nxb4 15.Rd1) 12...Bxb7-+ only helps Black with ...Nxc3 would now be deadly. 13.Kf1 Nxc3!

14.Bxc3 Qd5 then increasing the pressure.]

11...d4 As we have seen, Black already enjoyed a strong initiative and good compensation before White's awful blunder in Shemeakin-Shilin, Mariupol 2003. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

[Reject 11...Nxc6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.0-0?]]

A50

□ The Lunge

■ Qc2,B

[R Palliser, Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N**

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3...Ne5 4.Qc2 Once again White uses the queen to defend some key central squares (e4, c4 and also possibly c3), but, just as in Line A, such a strategy is a little slow.

4...e6 5.e4

[**5.f4?!** Ng6 6.e4 is far too ambitious here, and Bc5! already prepares a deadly 7...Ng4. Even 7.Be2 (better than 7.Qe2?! 0-0 8.e5?! exd5 9.cxd5 Nxd5! when 10.Qc4 Bxg1 left Black a pawn up and with a great position in Dondis-Sheppard, Bermuda 2003) can be met by 7...Ng4 due to the check on h4.]

5...Bb4+

[Sensible, but adventurous players may well wish to explore Orlov's still virtually untested **5...b5!?** . Play continues 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.cxb5 Bb7 8.Nc3 Bb4 and now:

A) 9.f3 (this appears weakening) d5 sees Black eager to further open the position to favour his better development, for example:

A1) 10.f4?! -2.74/21 10.a3 0.30 may well walk into a tactic with Nxe4! as then 11.fxe5 -3.58/20 (11.Be3 -2.53/18 keeps fighting. Ng4 12.Bd4) 11...d4+ (Orlov) creates the threats of 12...Qh4+ and 12...dxc3. White appears to be powerless to meet both, e.g. 12.Qa4 Qh4+ 13.g3 Nxc3! 14.Qxb4 Qe4+ wins the exchange.;

A2) 10.exd5 exd5 0.32/19 (Better is 10...Nxd5? -0.91/18 ...Qh4+ would now be deadly. 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0) 11.Bd2 (11.Be3!?) 11...d4 (Orlov) gives Black a strong initiative, and after 12.Ne4?

-4.35/21 (12.0-0-0!= -0.23/19)
12...Nxe4+- 13.Bxb4
the zwischenzug

A2a) whereas 13...Qh4+?
0.00/19 13...d3 -3.18 fails to
14.g3 Nxe4? 2.80/18
(14...Qh6!= 0.00/19
and Black stays safe. 15.fxe4
Qe3+ 16.Kd1 Ng4) 15.hxg3+-
Qxh1 16.Qxc7! .;

A2b) 13...d3! appears to allow
Black to grab the exchange
safely on the next move,;

A3) 10.Bf4!? must be critical:
Ng6 11.Bg5 -0.76/21 (11.Bd2=
-0.17/19) 11...0-0! and Black
retains good compensation,
although whether he has more
than enough is not so apparent,
(but not 11...h6? 0.95/20
11...dxe4 -0.83 12.exd5! .);

A4) 10.a3± 0.33/21 keeps the
upper hand. Ba5 11.Bg5;

A5) 10.--? -2.12/18;

B) 9.Bd2!? -0.21/17 9.f3 0.37 also
gives Black compensation after 0-0
, although this may well be White's
best bet. Then

B1) avoiding the developing
10.Be2? -1.02/23 10.Nh3 -0.18
which runs into the vicious Bxc3!
-0.35/19 (10...Nxe4!± -1.02/23
11.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Rf4)
11.Qxc3± Nxe4! 12.Qxe5
Strongly threatening Nf3.

B1a) 12...Nxd2!? 13.Nh3
Rf5= (13...Bxg2? perishes.
14.Rg1+-);

B1b) 12...Rf5, neatly
exploiting the queen's lack of
retreat squares after 13.Qd4
Nxd2! when 14.Qxd2??
-3.67/18 (14.f3= 0.00/21 Rd5

15.Qc3) 14...Bxg2 picks up
material;

B2) 10.f3! Repels Neg4

B2a) Black must continue to
play directly as 10...Qe7?!
11.a3! already left him worse,
even before Bc5 12.Nh3 d5?!
0.85/21 (12...c6!= -0.30/18)
13.Na4!± Bd6 14.f4!
won a piece for insufficient
compensation in van der
Griendt-Palliser, London
2004;

B2b) 10...d5!

B2b1) now 11.a3 -1.11/20
1 1 . 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 . 5 1 Ba5!
-0.32/18 doesn't really help
White, bar weaken his
queenside before he goes
long (11...dxe4!± -1.11/20
12.axb4 exf3 13.Nxf3
Bxf3);

B2b2) 11.exd5 exd5
12.0-0-0 c5! maintains
Black's good compensation,
although the position is
objectively unclear after
13.bxc6 (or 13.a3 -1.41/18
1 3 . N h 3 - 0 . 4 9 Bxc3!
14.Bxc3 d4 and Black
usefully gains the d5-square
and will look to further
advance his central pawns)
13...Bxc6 14.Kb1! Qb6
0.00/19 (14...Be8!±
-1.14/18 15.Ka1 Qa5);

C) 9.f3! 0.27/22;

D) 9.--? -2.52/18]

6.Bd2!

[6.Nc3 transposes to Line A, but
White is keen to exchange off some
of Black's active pieces.]

6...Qe7 7.Be2 -0.36/21

[Or **7.Bxb4!** Qxb4+ 8.Qc3 (now the queens must come off, although Black will still hope to prove that White's centre is overextended) Qxc3+ 9.Nxc3 d6 10.f4 -0.19/20 (10.Be2 0.19/18) 10...Ng6!= 11.g3 exd5! 0.39/22 (11...e5= -0.17/17) 12.Nxd5! (again eliminating pieces and also pressure against e4) Nxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Kd2 (Munukka-Paronen, Helsinki 1999) and now ...c6, either immediately or after 0-0, assures Black of good counterplay in the centre.]

[7.Bxb4= 0.23/22 Qxb4+ 8.Qc3 Qxc3+ 9.Nxc3]

7...exd5 8.cxd5 Black is slightly better.

[Yermolinsky has suggested **8.exd5** as an improvement, but this appears at least as risky for after

A) 8...Bc5!?, hoping for 9.Nh3?! -0.79/21 (9.Nf3 ̄ -0.43/20) 9...d6 ̄ Hoping for ...Bxh3. 10.Nf4 Nfg4! , is also tempting;

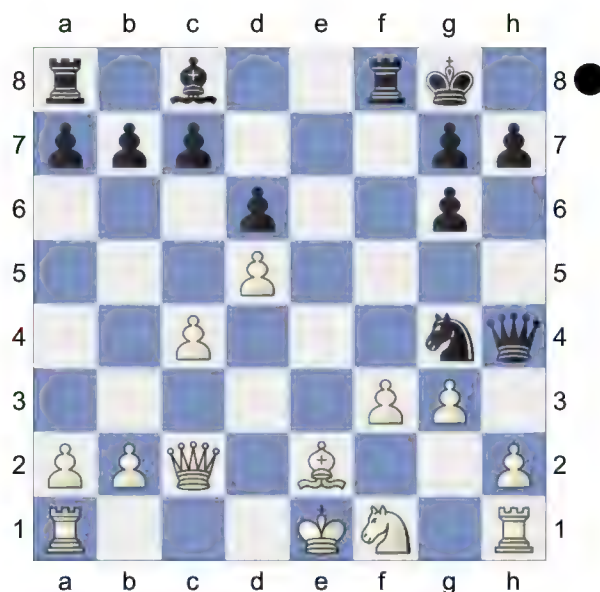
B) 8...0-0

B1) 9.Bxb4! Qxb4+ 10.Qc3! Qe7 Threatens to win with ...b5! 11.Nd2 -1.19/22 does not, however, fully solve White's difficulties for then (11.Nf3 ̄ -0.38/22 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3) 11...d6 12.0-0-0 Bf5 -0.60/21 highlights White's weakened queenside, whilst even (Black should play 12...c6 ̄ -1.41/21 13.dxc6 Nxc6) 13.Ngf3 ̄ Nxf3 14.Bxf3 Rfe8 should maintain an edge for Black;

B2) 9.Bxb4! ̄ -0.38/23 Qxb4+ 10.Qc3;

B3) White is struggling to develop his kingside. For

example, **9.Nh3?! -1.90/18** 9...Bxd2+!-+ 10.Nxd2 d6 -1.08/18 forces the king's knight to move again. Then (10...Ng6+ -1.81/22 And now ...Re8 would win. 11.Nb1 d6) 11.Nf4 ̄ Ng6! 12.Nxg6 fxc6 creates a very strong pin down the e-file which 13.Nf1 -2.05/23 doesn't really break due to (13.Nf3 ̄ -1.19/21 is a better defense.) 13...Ng4 14.f3 Qh4+! 15.g3



Qh3! when 16.Rg1 Prevents Qg2. (16.fxc6 ̄ -3.89/20 16.Rg1 -1.76 Qg2! wins the exchange) 16...Re8 ...Bf5 is the strong threat. 17.0-0-0 Qh6+ 18.f4 Nf2 19.Re1 Bf5 maintains Black's grip on the position.]

8...0-0 0.13/22

[8...c6 ̄ -0.41/20]

9.Nc3 -0.57/20

[9.Bxb4= 0.13/22 Qxb4+ 10.Nc3]

9...d6 10.0-0-0!? -0.84/22

[Radically solving the problem of how to develop the g1-knight. **10.Nf3** Nxf3+ forces White to weaken his

structure as 11.Bxf3? Bxc3!
and 12...Nxd5 picks up a pawn.]
[10.a3 $\mp$ -0.43/22 Bxc3 11.Bxc3]

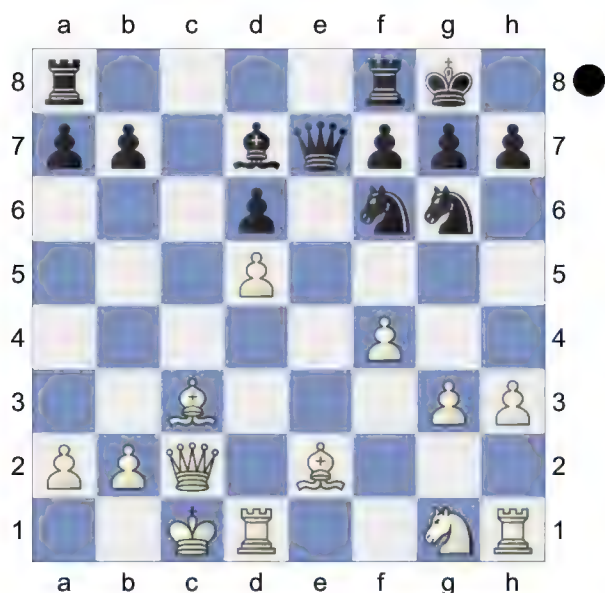
10...c6! Immediately opening queenside lines for an attack.

11.h3 cxd5 12.exd5 Bd7

This favoured Black in Maki-Yermolinsky, Las Vegas 1993, when **13.f4?! -1.62/19**

[13.Nf3 $\mp$ -1.07/20]

13...Ng6+ 14.g3 Bxc3! 15.Bxc3



Ne4! won material.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
Black=0.15 (very precise)

□ White Counters Dynamically

■ F: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 h4

[R Palliser,MH]

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A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3

9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4 This advance again forces Black to respond accurately; in fact this may well be the optimum moment for it. It isn't clear that 5 g3 is really necessary if White intends 6 h4, whilst 5 e4 before 6 h4 rather weakens the a7-g1 diagonal. Nf3 is, however, a useful developing move and the knight may even jump into the g5-square. White avoids creating weaknesses, making it harder for Black to gain counterplay.

6...h5

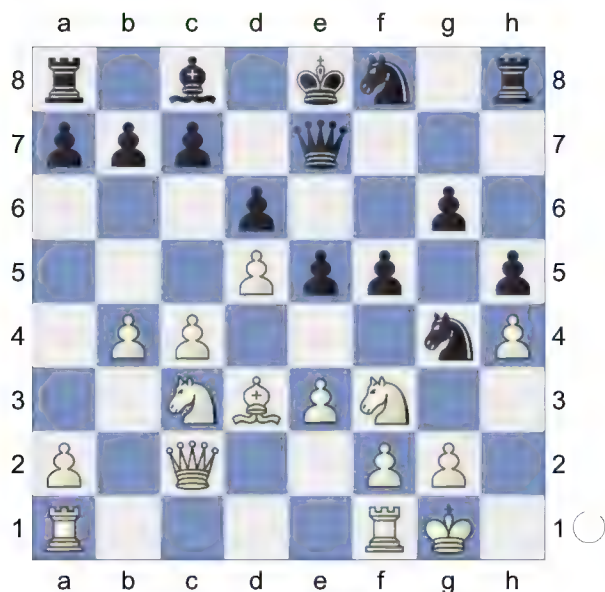
[Again this is essential; instead **6...e4?! 7.h5 Nxh5 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.Qd4! Nxe4 10.Qxe4+ Qe7 1.36/19** ($\triangle$ 10...Be7 0.81/20) 11.Qc2 $\pm$ Ne5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bd2 Repels Bb4 d6 14.Bc3 gave White a very pleasant position in Stephenson-C. Beckett, Hove 1997.]

7.Bg5 Immediately establishing a pin is again a dangerous way to exploit the g5-square, but White has some crafty alternatives:

[a] **7.Qc2** hopes to target the g6-knight after e3 and Bd3 but doesn't

appear too critical. Indeed Ng4 1.35/19 cuts across White's plans. Then ($\Delta 7...Bb4$ 0.84/20) 8.Bg5 (8.e3 0.79/20 8.Ng5 1.30 Be7 will force White to sacrifice his h-pawn or to weaken his light squares with 9.g3) 8...Be7 should be fine for Black:

A) After 9.e3 0.62/19 9.d6 1.18 d6 10.Bd3 Nf8 Black threatens to trap the bishop after 11...f6 12 Bg6+ Nxg6 13 Qxg6+ Kf8. Thus White must exchange on e7, but after 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.0-0 0.34/24 Black is quite solid and has a reasonable position. Perhaps even immediately advancing with ($\Delta 12.c5$ 0.70/20) 12...g6!? 13.b4 f5 0.94/20 (13...Nh7!= 0.25/17 remains equal.)



, hoping to get in ...e4, is best. White can't counter with 14.Ng5?! -0.93/20 due to (14.e4!± 0.94/20 stays on course.) 14...Nh7! , reminding him of the weakness of h4.;

B) ____ Instead White has again tried the tempting 9.d6!?, although it's surprising how rarely this causes

Black any real difficulties. Certainly here he is fine after cxd6 10.Nd5 0.14/21 (10.Rd1± 1.13/20) 10...Bxg5 0.75/22 (10...b5= 0.14/21) 11.Nxg5 Ne7! , immediately undermining the strong d5-steed. Then

B1) 12.Qd2 0.09/23 12.Nc3 0.59 can just be met by Nxd5 (12...0-0!? is probably even stronger when 13.Qd3!? can be met by g6 14.Rd1 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qb6! reminding White of Black's own g-file knight and White's dark-squared weaknesses) 13.Qxd5 0-0 , intending 14.e3 Nf6 Prevents Ne4. 15.Qxd6 Qa5+! 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 d5 0.49/22 (17...Rd8= 0.03/21);

B2) 12.Nc3± 0.54/22;

B3) 12.Ne4 -0.40/20 12...Nxd5!± 13.cxd5 (or 13.Nxd6+? -3.19/23 13.cxd5 -0.12 Ke7 14.Nf5+ Kf6! and Black wins a piece due to the strong check on a5) 13...Qa5+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 -0.46/25 (15.Kxd2= -0.07/25 Ke7 16.f3) 15...b6 didn't really cause Black any problems in Crouch-Palliser, South Wales Masters 2001, even if 16.e4 Bb7 0.25/21 (16...f5± -0.40/20) 17.a4! -0.31/21 gave White some compensation for his pawn. (17.Nc4= 0.25/21 Ke7 18.f3);

C) 9.--]

[b) 7.e3!? Bb4 (7...Be7?! is too slow; after 8.Bd3 the g6-knight cannot move as e5 would hang) 8.Bd2 is surprisingly venomous and may well be White's best line. He intends to

take the bishop pair after which his bishops will be well placed on c3 and d3, whilst the knight can go to g5. We saw the strength of that plan in Rooms-Simmelink and so Black must respond accurately. 0-0 is a sensible start (Simmelink went 8...Bxc3?! 9.Bxc3 Qe7 and was always worse after 10.Ng5! Inhibits Ne4.)

A) 9.Bd3 Bxc3 1.08/20 (9...d6± 0.63/17) 10.Bxc3± e4! 1.59/20 isn't so clear after (10...d6 1.12/19) 11.Bxf6± Qxf6 12.Bxe4 Qxb2 . White can now force a structural weakness, but after 13.Bxg6 Black must now prevent Bc2. Qc3+! 14.Nd2 fxg6 15.0-0 1.05/20 (15.Rc1 1.42/22 Qb4 16.0-0) 15...d6 the black queen is very active, whilst White's kingside appears to be the more vulnerable of the two.;

B) 9.Qc2 Taking control of e4 with d6 10.Bd3 makes sense, but after Ne7 the knight is well placed to support counterplay with ...c6 or... b5. After 11.Ng5 the move

B1) However, also possible is 11...Bxc3!? 1.02/19 11...c6 0.57 12.Bxc3 b5 because 13.cxb5?! Nexd5 14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Be4 is simply met by Bb7 1.30/20 when (15...g6!± 0.52/18) 16.0-0 0.46/19 (Better is 16.Bxd5!± 1.30/20 Bxd5 17.Rd1) 16...Nxe4± 17.Qxe4 f5 1.35/19 (17...g6!± 0.38/21) 18.Qf3 0.64/19 (18.Qc4± 1.35/19) 18...Qe8 covers all the light squares and leaves Black better.;

B2) 11...c6 immediately destroys White's centre (as White doesn't

really want to block the diagonal with e4), after which Black will hope to get in ...d5.;

C) Simmelink, this time on the white side, tried 9.Ne4!? Nxe4! 10.Bxb4 , but then d6 11.Bd3 0.24/20 (11.Ng5!± 0.89/23 Nf6 12.Bc3) 11...f5!= 12.Bxe4? -1.76/21 (or 12.Ng5 0.00/23 12.g3 0.45 Nxh4!; 12.Qe2= 0.16/23) 12...fxe4-+ 13.Nd2 Bg4! 14.Qc2 Nxh4 netted Black a pawn albeit for some compensation in Simmelink-Sveinsson, correspondence 2000. After 15.Rh2 Qe7 -0.60/20 (15...Rf7± -1.56/21 16.c5 a5)

C1) and not 16.Nxe4? Bf3 -0.30/20 (16...b6!± -0.70/19) 17.Kf1? -4.06/19 (17.Rxh4!= -0.30/20 and White stays safe. Qxh4 18.gxf3) 17...Nxg2!-+ 18.Rxg2 Qh4 Prevents Rh2.;

C2) 16.Nxe4± -0.60/20 a5 17.Bc3;

C3) 16.c5! -1.29/19 16...Bf5 -0.28/18 (16...Qf7± -1.29/19 17.Nxe4 Nf5) 17.0-0-0= a5 18.Bc3 Ng6 0.66/20 (18...b5= -0.27/19 19.cxb6 cxb6) 19.Nxe4± Black should have kept the kingside relatively closed with h4! , when the position remains tense but the pin on the e4-knight is quite strong.;

D) 9.Be2± 0.81/24;

E) 9.-- 0.37/20 and now:]

[c] 7.a3 reached a superior version of Crouch-Palliser after

A) Black should play as in the main line with 7...d6 8.Bg5 0.71/19 (8.g3 1.13/22) 8...Be7;

B) 7...Ng4?! 8.Bg5 Be7 9.d6! (De Santis-Vancini, Bratto 2001) as

the queen was still on the d-file.]

7...Be7

[This might appear a little passive, but here the bishop is needed to break the pin. Instead **7...Bc5?! 1.33/18** 7...d6 0.91 8.e3 leaves it without a good role,]

[whilst **7...Bb4?! 8.Qb3 Qe7 9.Nd2! a5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 a4 12.e3 d6 13.Bd3** left Black under pressure with 14 Ne4 next up in Kantsler-Orlov, Podolsk 1989.]

[However, delaying ...Be7 with **7...d6!? 8.e3 Bf5 1.15/21** is an interesting alternative that deserves further tests. Black immediately prevents an annoying Bd3 and Qc2 set-up, and he doesn't mind 9 e4 as then the b1-h7 diagonal is closed and Ne4 options are ruled out. Instead in Nikitin-Belozerov, Seversk 1997 White logically aimed to prove that the bishop was needed on the queenside, when (**8...Be7± 0.66/17**

feels stronger.) 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Qb3 (**10.Bxf6 0.14/19** 10.Qb3 1.09 Qxa4! 11.Nxa4 gxf6 12.Nc3 Bd7 and ...f5 gives Black good play) 10...Qc8 defended b7 and again encouraged White to take on f6. As in a Sveshnikov, the doubled f-pawns would then have quickly become mobile, whilst White could lack a good plan of his own. Instead Nikitin played on the queenside with 11.Nd2!? Be7 12.Rc1 , but then c5! **1.14/20** was a strong counter (**12...Nd7? 2.27/21** 12...b6 0.64 would have left the light-squared bishop short of squares; **12...b6± 0.68/18**) , and after 13.dxc6!? **-0.20/18** (tempting, but probably too ambitious) (**13.g3± 1.14/20**) 13...bxc6= 14.Bxf6 Bxf6

15.Nde4 Be7 16.c5 **-1.03/21** Black gained a good position with (**16.Qd1= -0.09/20**) 16...Be6 **-0.46/21** (**16...d5± -1.03/21** 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.cxd6 0-0) 17.Qa3 **-0.90/24** (**17.Qa4± -0.46/21** was preferable. d5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.cxd6) 17...dxc5! **-0.33/20** (**17...d5± -0.90/24** 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.cxd6 Qd7) 18.Ba6± Qb8 19.Ng5 Strongly threatening Nxe6. Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qb4! .]

8.e3 White is better.

[Again intending Bd3, but White can still opt for **8.g3 d6 9.e4 Ng4! 10.Be2** and now:

A) 10...Nf8 11.Bxe7 **0.64/19** (**11.Bd2± 1.09/18**) 11...Qxe7± 12.Nh2 Nxh2 13.Rxh2 g6 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.0-0-0 left Black very solid but also slightly worse in Ionescu-lordachescu, Odorheiu Secuiesc 1993.;

B) 10...0-0 appears less good as then h5 is vulnerable, a fact which 11.Qd2 and then 12 Nh2 aims to exploit. Here f6?! ...Nxf2 is the strong threat. 12.Be3 Nxe3 **1.59/24** (**△12...f5 0.99/22**) 13.Qxe3 **1.23/23** (**△13.fxe3 1.59/24 f5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.0-0-0**) 13...f5 doesn't save Black due to 14.exf5! Bxf5 15.Nd2 with an excellent position for White;

C) Thus Black should consider **10...c5!? 1.57/20** 10...Bxg5 0.86 :

C1) 11.Qd2 0.54/18 11.Bc1 1.42 f6 12.Be3 a6 prepares ...b5 to gain an attack should White castle long. However, going short, whilst probably a better choice, is also hardly great for White as then Black will gain some

attacking chances with ...0-0 and ...f5, when White must beware of his vulnerability down the f-file as well as on h4.;

C2) 11.dxc6 0.80/20 11.Bd2 1.58 bxc6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7, so that ...g6 can defend h5 in the event of Nh2, also seems acceptable for Black. Then 13.Qd2 0-0

C2a) _____ intending to target d6; 14.Rd1 is more direct, but then Black has Rb8! 15.b3 Qb6 16.0-0 Rd8 when 17.c5? -0.68/21 can simply be met by (17.Qb2!± 0.59/19) 17...Qxc5± now that 18.Na4 doesn't trap the queen – the reason why Black inserted ...Rb8;

C2b) 14.0-0 Hoping for Rad1. 14...f5! gains counterplay just in time and continues to make good use of the strong g4-knight. 15.Rad1 ensures that. c5! would now be deadly. f4? 2.90/18 will be too slow, (b u t i n s t e a d 15...fxe4 16.Nxe4 d5 leaves Black active and with a useful centre, although it's true he has incurred some positional weaknesses en route to this unclear position.; Black should play 15...fxe4± 0.59/22 16.Nxe4 d5);

C3) 11.--;

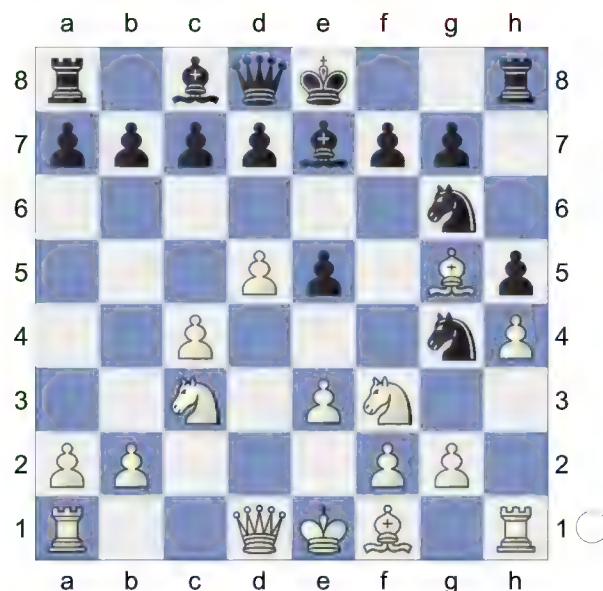
D) 10...Bxg5 0.81/20 11.Nxg5 Nf8;

E) 10...-- 1.32/17]

8...d6

[Again it is not so easy for Black to equalise here which further suggests that the 7...d6 move order deserves

attention. 8...Ng4?! 1.95/21
8...d6 0.75



, for example, isn't yet possible as 9.Bd3 0.76/17 (9.d6!+- 1.95/21 has better winning chances.) 9...Nf8 2.01/20 (9...d6± 0.76/17 was necessary.) 10.d6!+- is very strong: cxd6 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Ng5 Nf6 14.Be2 is horrendous for Black due to his crippled structure and lack of development.]

9.Bd3 Ng4

[Brave, but Black must allow the exchange on g6 if he wishes to fight. As we have seen 9...Nf8 10.c5! N8d7 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Rc1 gave White a pleasant edge, although Black remained very solid in Ward-Palliser, Isle of Man 2000.]

[However, if Black is going to have to delay ...Nf8 and allow Bxg6 then 9...Bg4!? might well be a better way of doing so as after 10.Bxg6 0.47/18 (10.Qa4+± 0.99/19 Bd7 11.Qc2) 10...fxg6± it will not be so easy for White to castle short due to the pin. Furthermore, the g5-bishop cannot

exchange itself in the hope of leaving Black with a bad bishop as Ward achieved, for then ...gxf6 would iron out Black's structure. White might target g6 and go long with 11.Qc2 Bf5! 12.e4 Bg4 13.Nh2 Bd7 14.0-0-0 , but Black is not too unhappy here:

A) whilst he can also still play on the kingside by 14...Nh7!? 0.30/21 14...0-0 -0.11 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.g3 -0.84/20 (16.Nf1!= 0.28/21 keeps the balance.) 16...0-0 with counterplay down the f-file and 17...g5 next up;

B) 14...0-0= 0.09/20;

C) 14...c5 1.07/17 intending ...a6 and ...b5 is possible,]

10.Qc2

[Now the knight can retreat as e5 is covered, thereby preventing c5 in response. White should have preferred **10.Bxg6!** fxc6 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Ng5 0-0 13.0-0 when he can still advance on the queenside, while it is not at all clear that Black can do anything active, thereby leaving him worse.]

10...Nf8 11.e4 White is more active.

11...Ng6! 12.g3 0-0 13.Kf1 0.06/18

[White should try 13.0-0-0± 1.07/19]

13...Bd7 0.92/20

[13...Bxg5= 0.06/18 14.Nxg5 (14.hxg5 f6±) 14...f6]

14.Kg2 0.49/21 Now

[14.Bd2± 0.92/20]

14...Qc8 0.99/20 , preparing ...f5, left Black no more than fractionally worse in Andersen-Gudbrandsen, Trondheim 1997.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

[14...Bxg5± 0.49/21
(15.hxg5 h4±) 15...c6]

15.Nxg5

A50

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2003

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[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.e4 e6 5.f4 Ng6

It looks like a mirror image of an Alekhine four pawns attack! While Black has to be careful not to be squashed by onrushing pawns, I think White is a step too slow in development to make these advances work.

6.e5 -0.36/22

[6.Nc3± 0.54/21]

6...Ne4 And now ...Bb4+ would win.

7.Qf3 Bb4+ 8.Kd1 -1.33/24

The only attempt to exploit Black's wayward knight, but what a juicy target in the center!

[8.Nc3 $-0.64/21$ exd5 9.cxd5 Nxc3 10.bxc3]

8...f5 Black is more active. **9.Bd3 -2.46/25** This costs White the game.

[9.exf6 $-1.20/19$ was necessary. Nxf6 10.a3]

9...0-0 10.Bxe4 fxe4 11.Qxe4 d6! 12.Nf3 Ba5!

[Black has a huge lead in development, but when he starts exchanging pawns in the center the bishop on b4 will hang. It may look more natural to play 12...Qe7 $-0.91/21$ 12...dxe5 -2.28 but after 13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6! White must now prevent ...exd5. 15.Nc3 White can support his center.]



A JUICY TARGET ON d1

13.Nc3 dxe5 14.fxe5 exd5 15.cxd5

[If 15.Qxd5+ $-1.93/18$ 15.cxd5 -1.43 Be6 Black regains the pawn and maintains his initiative.]

15...Bf5

16.Qd4

Black has strong initiative.



c5!

A second pawn is a small investment to open more lines and gain time.

17.Qxc5

[17.Qc4 b5]

17...Rc8 18.Qd4

I couldn't find a direct continuation, but I detected that White is weak on the light squares.

18...Bxc3

[Resist 18...Bb6 19.Qa4

19.bxc3

(Diagram)

Qa5

20.Bd2

Threatens to win with ...Rc5!

(Diagram)

Qb5 21.d6? -4.19/20

[21.Qxa7? too greedy. Bg4 (21...Qxd5? 22.Qd4+-) 22.Kc1 Nf4+- (22...Qxd5? 23.e6+-)]

[21.a4 $-2.20/20$ was called for. Qb3+ 22.Ke2]



21...Rc4-+

(Diagram)

DEATH ON THE WHITE SQUARES

It is interesting how the Black heavy pieces infiltrate behind the White pawns. Only then do they start to fall.

22.Qxa7 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5

White still has two extra pawns, but because he cannot challenge Black's White square control, his king is ultimately doomed.

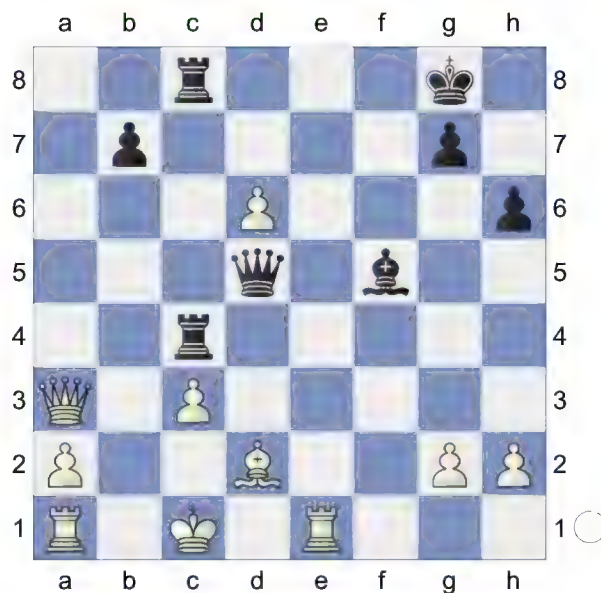


24.Qa3 Qd5 aiming for ...b5! **25.Re1 Rfc8**

[25...Qxg2? 26.Qb3 Qd5 27.Kc1+]

26.Kc1 h6! Strongly threatening ...Qd3!

[Less strong is 26...Qxg2 27.Qb3-+]



FIRST LUFT, THEN DISMEMBERMENT

Okay, admittedly 26...b5 is stronger. Not being a machine, I wanted to tidy up my king position before looking for a decisive continuation. There's nothing like a little quiet move to show your opponent just how depressing his

position has become.

27.Re7? -6.93/17

[27.Qb3 -3.82/17]

27...Qd3 28.Qb3 Prevents Qc2+.

28...Kh7 29.Rc7 R8xc7 30.dxc7 Rxc7

White is weak on the light squares **31.a4 Bg6 ...b5!** would now be deadly.

Black needs only to penetrate with the rook, and there are probably many ways to do it. I was just very careful to check if White had any threats to free himself.

32.Ra2

[32.Be1 Re7 (-> ...Re2!) 33.Bg3 Re2 34.Ra2 Rxa2 35.Qxa2 Qxc3+ 36.Kd1 Bh5+ ends the game.]

32...Rf7 33.Rc2 Rf1+ 34.Kb2 Rf2

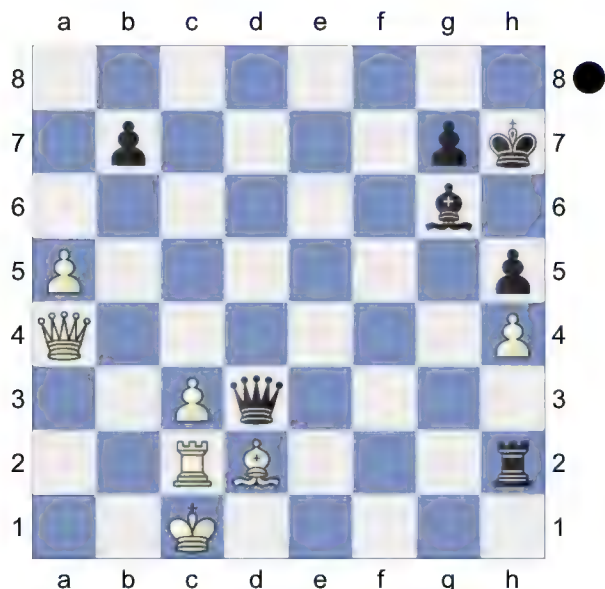
35.Kc1 -7.83/19

[Δ35.c4 -5.14/18 Qd7 (35...Rxd2? 36.Qxd3 Rxd3 37.Re2+; 35...Qxc2+? 36.Qxc2 Bxc2 37.Kxc2+) 36.Qb4]

35...Rxc2 36.h4 Rh2 37.a5 h5

Total zugswang. That really feels good.

38.Qa4



Rxd2! Back Rank. Black mates. 39.Kb2 Rxc2+ 40.Qxc2 Qxc2+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

A50

□ **The Lunge**

■ **B3,D**

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N**

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.b3?! This ambitiously hopes to drive back the e5-knight and to establish a strong bishop on the long diagonal, but it is simply too slow. Not only does White fall further behind in development, but his queenside dark squares are crucially further weakened.

4...e6 5.Bb2

[White can also first flick in an exchange with **5.dxe6 fxe6** , but then 6.Bb2 Bb4+ 7.Bc3 Qe7 8.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 9.Qd2 was still very comfortable for Black in Szonyi-Varadi, Hungarian Team Ch. 1998. Black

enjoys a lead in development and so keeping the queens on with Qc5 is logical; then 10.Nc3 0-0 11.e3 b6! keeps up the pressure.]

[Meanwhile **5.Nf3?** allowed Black to utilise a not uncommon Tango tactical motif with Nxf3+ 6.gxf3 exd5 7.cxd5 Bb4+ , winning the d-pawn, in Balmazi-Orlov, World Open (rapid) 1991.]

5...Bb4+ 6.Bc3!

[Wisely giving up on the idea of enjoying a fianchettoed bishop as here **6.Nd2??** -3.79/19 6.Bc3 -0.21 Ne4! 7.Bc1 (or 7.Ngf3 Nxf3+) 7...Qf6 is simply crushing, and forces instant resignation – this occurred in an offhand transatlantic game Marshall-Torre, on board 'SS Antonia' in 1925!]

[Instead **6.Nc3** is nowhere near as fatal, although Ne4! 0.07/21 (6...exd5 ̄ -0.33/24 7.cxd5 0-0) 7.Qd4= Nxc3! 8.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Qf6 (Orlov) is still fine for Black. After. And now ...Nf3+! would win. 10.Rc1 0-0 White must probably accept doubled f-pawns with

A) whilst 11.e3?! d6 12.Be2 -0.45/18 (12.Ne2= 0.00/19 should be considered.) 12...Qg6! begins to exploit Black's better development.;

B) 11.Nf3 as he is behind in development,]

6...a5

[Advancing the a-pawn is tempting after the weakening b3, but **6...Qe7** (Orlov) also looks quite strong when White may well come under pressure down the e-file, with 7...exd5 8 cxd5 Qc5 but one threat.]

7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.d6!?** -0.75/23

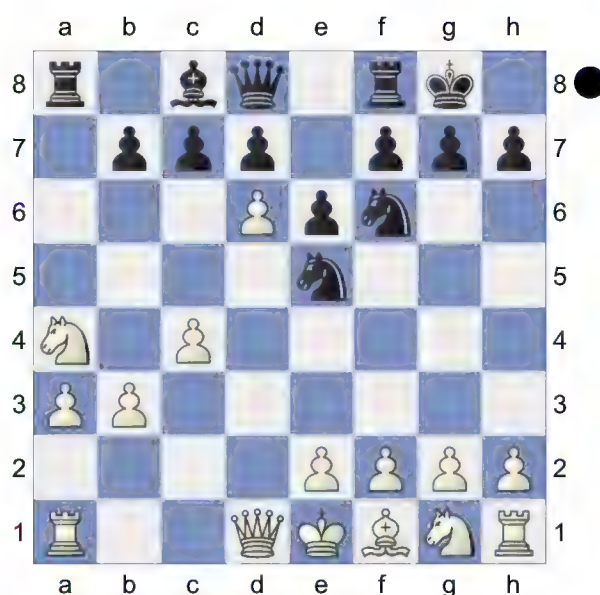
[9.Nf3= -0.12/21 remains equal. Nfg4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.g3]



Black is very comfortable and so White aims to prevent him from quickly completing his development.

9...a4!? After 9...a4 the game Bjornsson-Vlassov, Reykjavik (rapid) 2003 continued **10.Nxa4**

[10.Nf3 cxd6]



10...Rxa4 0.00/22 **11.bxa4=** Threatens to win with e3. **11...cxd6!** **12.Nf3**

-0.40/22

[12.Qxd6= 0.00/22 Qa5+ (12...Nxc4 13.Qb4±) 13.Qb4 Nd3+ (13...Nxc4? loses. 14.Rc1+-) 14.exd3 Qe5+ 15.Be2 Qxa1+ 16.Bd1]

12...Ne4!± aiming for ...Nxf3+. Black has compensation. **13.Nd2** **Qa5!**, giving Black good compensation for the exchange due to his activity, White's weakened structure (at least a4 will drop off) and because the bishop will quickly become active via b7.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

E10

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[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bg5N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav, V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5 0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker, R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...h6 5.Bh4 Bb4+ 0.25/24

[5...g5 -0.13/21 6.Bg3 g4]

6.Nbd2 -0.40/22

[6.Nc3!= 0.25/24]

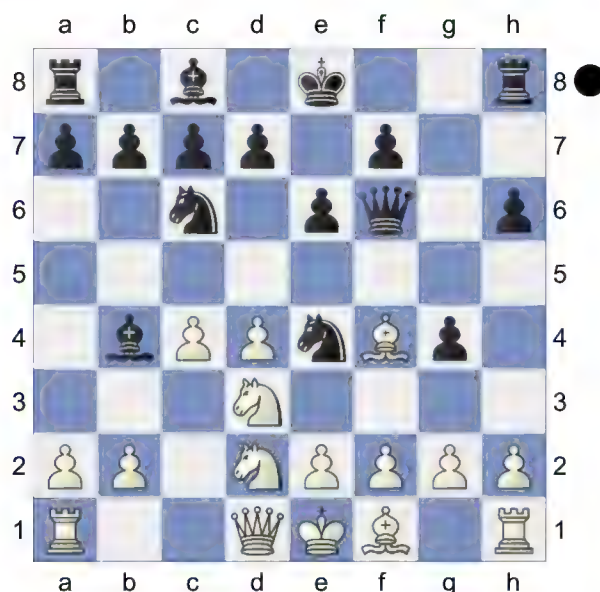
6...g5± 7.Bg3 g4! 8.Ne5 -1.59/22

[8.a3!± -0.42/26 Bf8 9.Nh4]

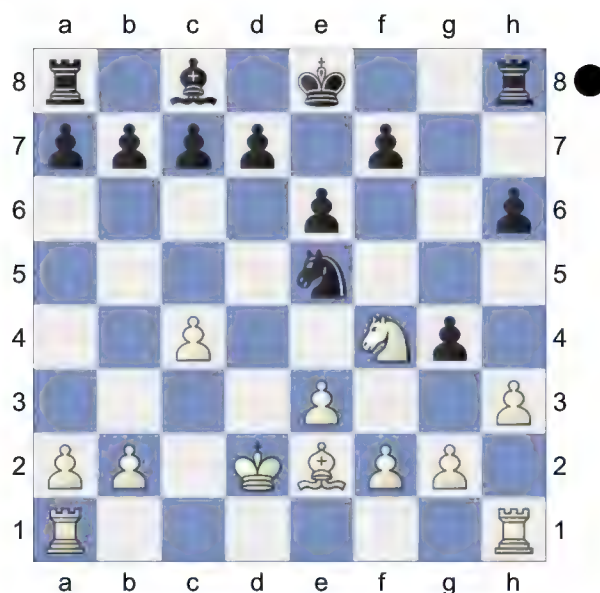
8...Ne4!± 9.Bf4 Qf6 Black is more active.

[Much less strong is 9...Nxd4 10.Nd3 Qf6 11.Nxb4±]

10.Nd3



Qxf4? -0.30/17 11.Nxf4= Bxd2+→
Black attacks. 12.Qxd2 Nxd2 13.Kxd2
Nxd4 14.e3 Nc6 15.Be2 Ne5 16.h3



g3 17.f3

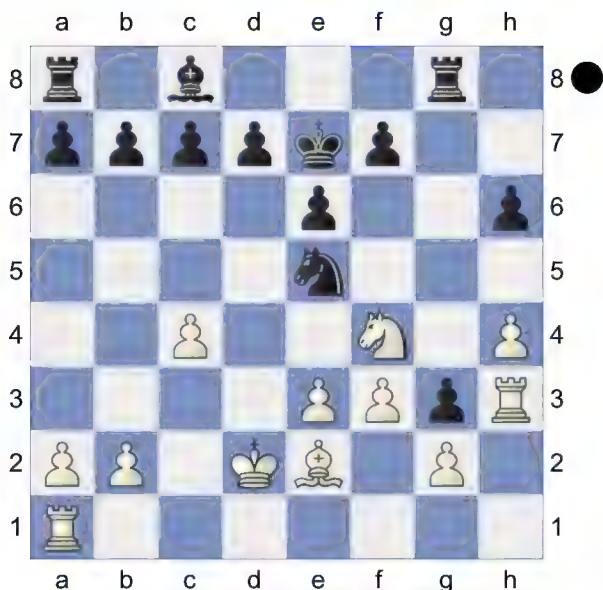
[17.fxg3 b6]

17...Ke7 Black converts the advantage

convincingly. 18.h4 Rg8 19.Rh3

-1.42/19

[♖19.Rac1 -0.93/23]



19...d5! ♣ 20.b3

[20.cxd5 exd5]

20...a5 21.c5 -1.80/19

[21.Kc3 ♣ -1.41/20]

21...Nd7+ 22.Rc1 Nf6 Repels Nh5.
Threatens to win with ...e5. 23.Rhh1 e5

24.Nd3 Ke6 25.f4 -1.98/19

[25.Rhe1 ♣ -1.60/17]

25...Ne4+ 26.Ke1 f6 27.Bf3 -3.25/19

[♖27.a4 -1.98/19]

27...a4 28.c6 b6 ...axb3 is the strong
threat. 29.b4 -4.27/18

[29.Nb4 -2.92/20 was called for.]

29...Ba6 Black is clearly winning. 30.Rd1
Rad8 31.Nb2 Nf2 32.Bxd5+ Rxd5
33.f5+ Kd6Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/
Black=0.13 (very precise)

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E33

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♣ Bologan, Viktor

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23.04.2011

[Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
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26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.e3 e5
8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne4 -0.39/23

[9.Bd3!± 0.49/21]

9...Nxe4 10.Bxb4 f5 11.Nd2 a5
12.Bc3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 f4 14.e4 c6
15.Be2

(Diagram)

b5 0.28/23 16.b3 -0.40/20

[16.cxb5= 0.28/23 cxd5 17.Rd1]

16...cxd5 -0.02/24

[16...b4 ♣ -0.40/20 is superior. 17.Qb2
Qd7]17.cxd5= Bd7 18.0-0 Kh8 19.a4 b4
20.Qd3 -0.46/21

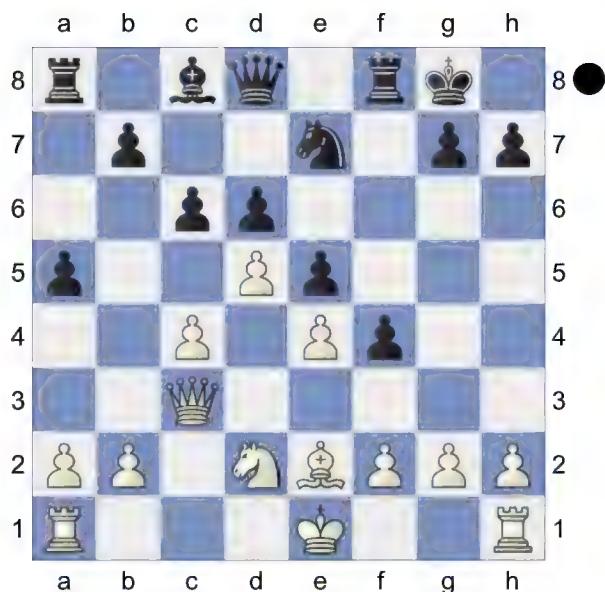
[20.Qc2=

0.00/20

is more appropriate.]

20...Ng8 0.00/19

[20...g5! ♣ -0.46/21]



21.Rfc1 Nf6 22.h3 -0.55/19

[22.Qc2= 0.00/19]

22...g5 23.Qc2 -1.14/20

[23.Nc4 -0.50/19 Qb8 24.Rf1]

23...Ra7 Black is more active. 24.Bb5 -1.60/19

[24.f3 -1.15/22]

24...g4 25.Bxd7 -2.64/20

[25.Qd3 -1.60/18 keeps fighting.]

25...Rxd7+

[Weaker is 25...Qxd7 26.Qc6 Qd8 (26...gxh3 27.Qxd7 Nxd7 28.gxh3 27.h4)]

26.Qd3

(Diagram)

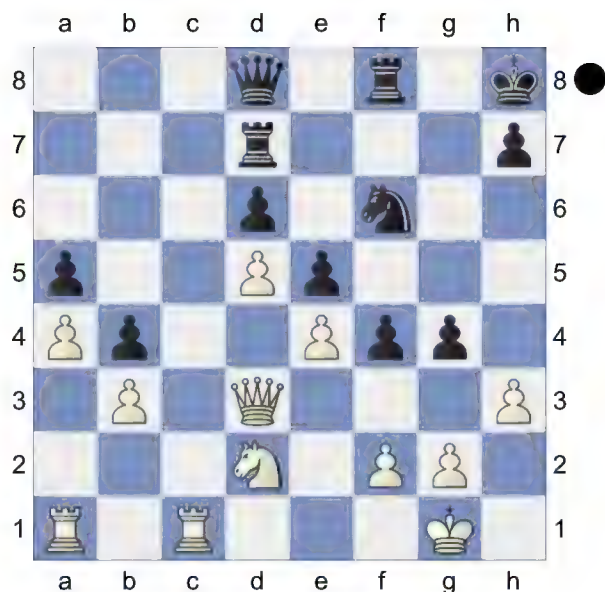
f3! 27.g3 gxh3 ...h2+! would now be deadly. 28.Nf1 Qe8 -0.86/19

[Resist 28...Ng4 29.Nh2 Rg7 30.Rc2]

[28...h5+ -2.17/18 and Black stays clearly on top. Strongly threatening ... Rg7. 29.Rc6 h4 (29...Ng4? 30.Nh2+) 30.Qxf3 Nxd5 Discovered Attack]

29.Nh2? -3.06/19

[29.Qxf3? loses. Nxd5 30.Qd3



Nc3+]

[29.Rc4 -0.86/19 was called for.]

29...Qg6 30.Rc4 Nh5 (-> ...Nxb3!)

31.Kh1? -7.20/23

[31.Nf1 -2.47/21]



31...Qxg3!! Double Attack.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

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 □ Dan, Teodor
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 Andorra op 35th (7) 28.07.2017
 [John Emms, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N The forcing nature of this move makes it a critical option, but it's far less popular than either 3 Nf3 or 3 Nc3.

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.e4 e6 5.f4 Ng6 This is the mirror image of Alekhine's Defence, Four Pawns Attack, but far less popular. While Black certainly gains counterplay against the extended centre, this isn't a bad option for White. 6.Bd3

[6.Nc3! Black must now prevent e5.

A) 6...exd5 7.cxd5 Bc5 (7...c6? 2.44/18 7...Bb4 0.52 8.d6!) 8.e5!;

B) 6...Bb4 7.Bd3 exd5 8.cxd5

transposes to the game without allowing the possibility of 7...Bc5 or 7...c6 (see below).]

6...exd5

[6...Bb4+ 7.Nc3 0-0?! 1.20/19 (7...exd5! 8.cxd5 transposes to the game; Better is 7...Qe7± 0.33/19) 8.e5!± Black shouldn't invite this move. Bxc3+ 1.51/17 (Δ8...exd5 1.08/19 9.Bxg6 hxg6 10.exf6 Qxf6) 9.bxc3± Ne8 10.Nf3 b6 2.32/19 (10...exd5± 1.45/17 was called for. 11.cxd5 d6) 11.h4! was Idle, O-Cawston, M/Leamington 2021, where White's central dominance provides a strong platform for a kingside attack.]

7.cxd5 Bb4+ With this move order, Black has other possibilities here.

[For example, 7...Bc5!? 8.e5! Qe7]

[Or 7...c6!?]

8.Nc3 White is slightly better. 8...0-0 9.Nge2

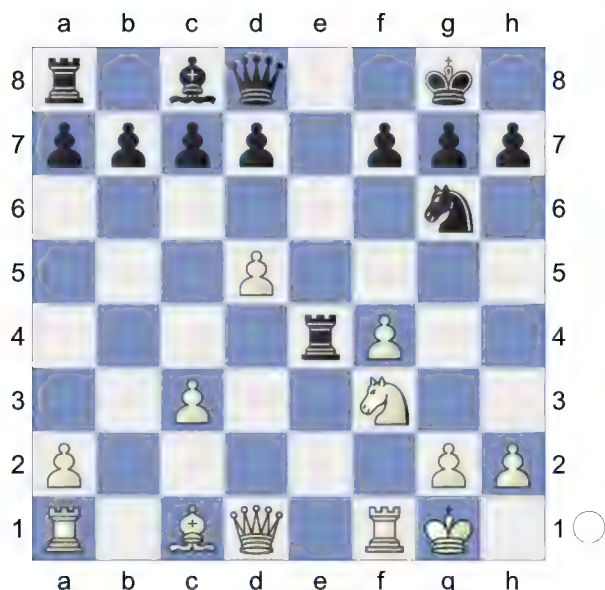
[9.Nf3 hasn't been played, but is also a serious option. Threatens to win with f5. Re8 (9...Nxe4? 1.74/19 9...Re8 0.28 10.Bxe4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Re8 12.0-0! transposes to below) 10.0-0! e5 would now be deadly.

A) 10...Bxc3 1.09/19 10...d6 0.40 11.bxc3 Hoping for e5. Nxe4? 2.65/20 is a hot pawn to capture, and after (11...d6± 0.97/18) 12.Bxe4!+- Rxe4

(Diagram)

13.Ng5! Re7 14.f5 Nf8 15.f6 gxf6 16.Qf3! Black is getting punished for his greed;

B) 10...d6! 11.f5 Nf8 (11...Ne5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Qf3 with an edge for White) 12.Bg5



N8d7 and Black will gain sufficient counterplay with ...c6.]

9...d6 10.0-0 Ng4

[Attacking the centre with 10...c6 is another option, and 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.h3! Re8 looks roughly level.]

11.Qe1

[Stockfish suggests 11.Na4!? h3 is the strong threat. Bd7 12.Nec3! an unusual but seemingly effective way of discouraging ... Bc5!]

11...f5! This is the consistent follow-up to ...Ng4. Chances are level. 12.h3 fxe4

13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bxg6 -0.46/22

[White should keep the light-squared bishop with 14.Bc2! Perhaps Dan was concerned about the pressure against d5 after. aiming for f5. Ne7! but the pawn can be sacrificed. After 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Nfxd5 17.b4 White's bishop pair and open lines provide excellent compensation.]

[14.Bb1± 0.39/21]

14...hxg6 15.Qf2 -0.82/21

[15.Qg3!± -0.32/17]

15...Bf5 -0.07/23

[Black should try 15...Qe7± -0.82/21 next ...Bc5 is good for Black. 16.Re1

Qf7]

16.Be3 Dodge's Bc5 16...Qd7 17.a3 Ba5 0.11/20

[After 17...Bxc3! 18.Nxc3 Ne4! 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rad1 Rae8 Black has a slight edge because of the vulnerable d5-pawn.]

[17...Bxc3± -0.31/23 feels stronger. 18.Nxc3 Ne4]

18.b4= Bb6 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.Nd4 Rfe8 21.Rfe1 Qf7 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Re1 Ra8

[24...Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Qe8+ Kh7 And now ...Qd4+ would win. 28.Qh5+ is perpetual check, but Llaneza Vega plays for more.]

[24...Nxd5? is the wrong capture.

25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nxd5+-]

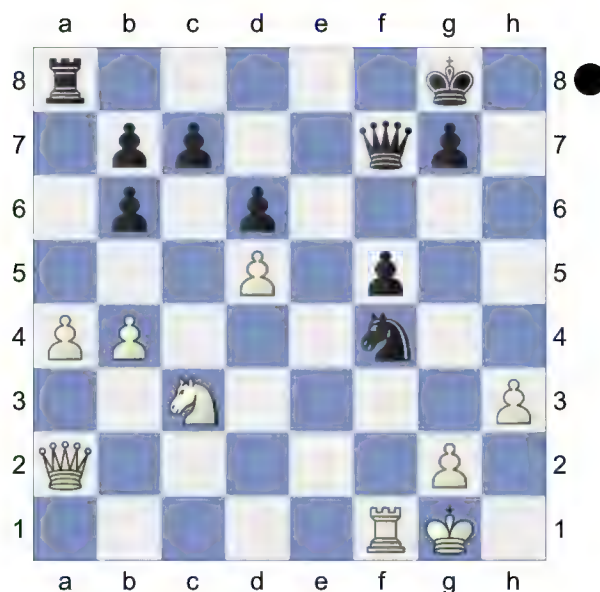
25.Qa2 Nh5! 26.a4? -0.39/21

[White can give up the a-pawn with 26.Qd2! in view of Rxa3 27.Nb5! Ra8 28.Rc1!]

[26.Qd2= -0.01/22]

26...Nxf4± 27.Rf1 -0.88/23

[27.Qc4± -0.39/22 g5 28.Kh2]



27...Qe7? 0.00/27 Black is more active.

28.Qd2!= Regaining the pawn. 28...Ng6

[28...g5 29.h4]

29.Rxf5 Re8 30.Nb5 Qe4 31.Rf1

[But not 31.Nxc7 Qxf5 32.Nxe8 Qd7+]

31...Re7 32.Qg5 Re5 33.Qc1 Nh4

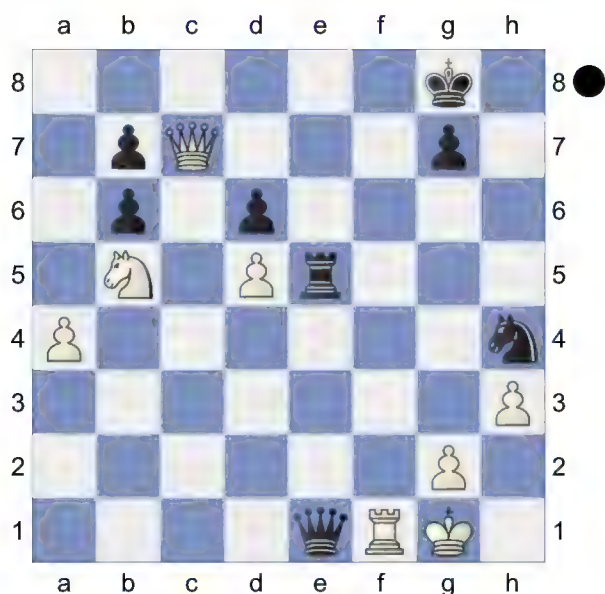
34.Rf2 Qxb4 35.Qxc7? -#12/24

The final mistake.

[White is still holding after 35.Qf4!]

[35.Qf4= 0.00/27 Qxf4 36.Rxf4]

35...Qe1+ Black mates. 36.Rf1



Nf3+! Forcing mate. 37.gxf3 Rg5+ Deflection.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/
Black=0.12 (very precise)

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□ **Nesterov,Arseniy**

**A50
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■ **Pragganandhaa,Rameshbabu**

Rilton Cup 47th (5) 01.01.2018

[John Emms,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:

Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7

cx d5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5

[I hadn't noticed this before, but Black could play 3...d5 here and transpose to the Chigorin Defence!]

[3...e6 is possible against 3 Nc3, but less appealing in view of 4.e4! Bb4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qc2 d5 7.Nf3 actually transposes to a line of the English (Flohr-Mikenas Variation: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4), where White scores well. f5 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bd3± was Ivanchuk,V-Aronian,L/Warsaw 2003.]

4.d5N

[4.Nf3 transposes to the English. e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxcg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4

[5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4! is another option for White. See Richard Palliser's notes to Von Herman, U-Hausrath,D/ Muelheim 2007.]

5...Ng6 6.h4! This disruptor is still considered to be a critical test, although White does have alternatives.

[6.a3 is covered in Reilly,T-Speck,N/

Melbourne 1999.]

6...h5! The h-pawn needs to be blocked.

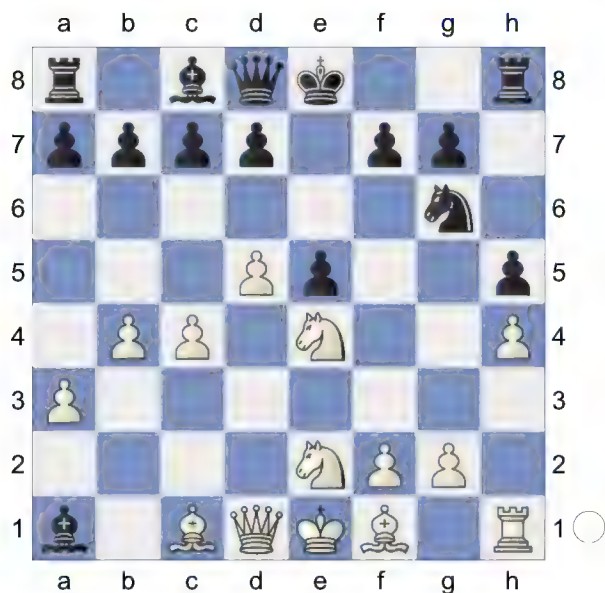
[Black should avoid 6...Bb4? 7.h5 Ne7 8.h6!]

7.Bg5

[7.a3 , with similar ideas to 6 a3, is possible here too.

A) 7...a5 8.Be3!? seems to run into Ng4 here, but then there's 9.Bg5! f6! (9...Be7 10.d6! is an appealing pawn sacrifice to disrupt Black's development.) 10.Be3! Nxe3 11.fxe3 Allowing Black to exchange on e3 an accepting doubled e-pawns breaks all the rules, but Black's kingside is a mess and the basic idea of Be2xh5 is looming;

B) 7...Bc5 8.b4! Bd4 9.Nge2! Nxe4? 1.50/21 (9...c5 10.d6! b6 11.Bg5; $\triangleleft$ 9...c5 0.98/21) 10.Nxe4± Bxa1



is even more promising for White than the sacrifice covered in Reilly-Speck, in view of 11.d6!]

7...Bc5 8.Qd2 d6 White is better. 9.g3 0.42/21

[9.Nge2 is logical, as the g3-square

looks like an effective place for the knight, especially after the insertion of h4 and ...h5. c6 10.Ng3 Qa5 11.Be2 Ng4! 12.Bxg4 0.12/18 (Stockfish wants to sacrifice the f-pawn with 12.Nf5!?!; 12.Nf5± 0.66/19) 12...Bxg4= 13.f3 Bd7 14.Nf5 -0.08/18 was Dantas,R-Ronchetti,N/IECG email 2005, and here (14.0-0-0± 0.40/21) 14...0-0 looks okay for Black.]

[Better is 9.Nge2± 0.79/21]

9...c6!± 10.Bd3 Qa5 Pragg accepts doubled pawns in order to break the pin, relying on dark-squared action to give him enough counterplay. 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.a3 a6 0.64/19

[12...cxd5= 0.28/17 13.cxd5 Bd7]

13.Ra2?! White still has an edge here, but coming up with an effective plan isn't straightforward and Nesterov wasn't successful in doing so.

[Simple development with 13.Nf3! was called for. If Bg4 White can play 14.Nh2 aiming for Nxg4. Bd7 15.Nf1 followed by Ne3 to keep an eye on f5.]

13...Ba7 14.Nge2 -0.18/19

[14.Kf1± 0.47/22]

14...Qb6!? 0.24/21

[$\triangleleft$ 14...Bg4! -0.18/19]

15.Rh2 -0.46/19 White's position is looking increasingly artificial, and of course castling is now out of the question!

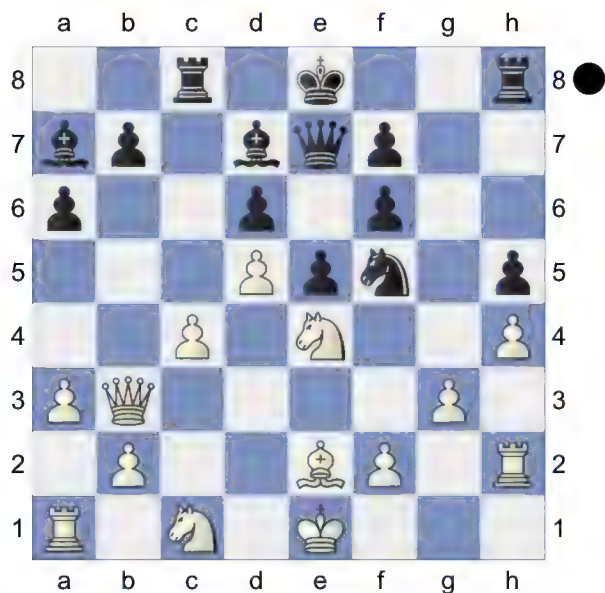
[15.Nd1]

[15.Nd1= 0.24/21]

15...Ne7!± Pragg simply improves his pieces. Meanwhile, over the next few moves White's position becomes more and more disorganised, so much so that Black's advantage becomes decisive.

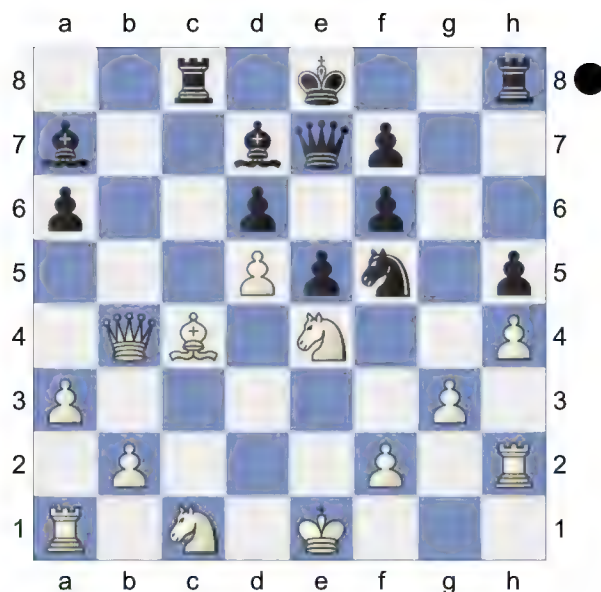
16.Qc2 -0.87/20

[16.b4 ♣ -0.42/18 feels stronger.]
16...Qd8
 [16...Bg4 feels hotter. 17.Ra1 cxd5
 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Ke7]
17.Ra1 Bg4 18.Nc1? -1.21/19
 [White should play 18.Kf1 ♣ -0.55/19]
18...Rc8 Black is more active. **19.Be2**
-1.51/19
 [♠19.dxc6 -1.00/18 Nxc6 20.N1e2]
19...Bd7 -0.68/18
 [19...cxd5 ♣ -1.51/19 ...Bxe2 would
 now be deadly. 20.cxd5 f5]
20.Qd1 -1.71/19
 [White should try 20.dxc6! ♣ -0.68/18
 Nxc6 21.Nb3]
20...cxd5+ 21.exd5 -2.08/19
 [21.cxd5 ♣ -1.54/19 was necessary.
 Bd4 22.N1a2]
21...Nf5 22.Ne4 Qe7 23.Qb3 -2.70/20
 [23.Nb3 ♣ -1.56/17]

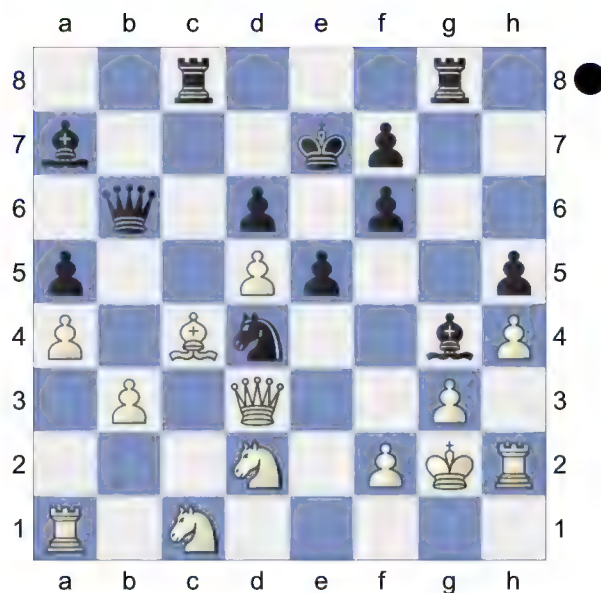


23...b5! 24.Qb4
 [24.cxb5 -3.57/20 24.Kf1 -2.52 Nd4]
 [24.Kf1 Nd4]
24...bxc4 25.Bxc4

(Diagram)



a5! 26.Qc3 Nd4 Prevents a4. 27.Nd2
Qd8 28.Kf1 Qb6 29.b3 Bg4 30.Qd3
Ke7 31.a4 Rhg8 32.Kg2? -6.15/19
 [32.Qc3 -3.79/17]



32...Nc2! Discovered Attack 33.Ne4
 [33.Qxc2 Black must now prevent
 Kf1. Qxf2+ 34.Kh1 Qg1#]
 [33.Kg1 Nxa1]

33...Ne1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/
 Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

□ Gerber, Peter

■ Plichta, Kamil

116/145 Maribor (4)

[Kitty Kat]

E10

2356

2604

29.07.2012

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,
V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
0-1 (44) Sikorova,J (2736)-Schmucker,
R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0
8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 e5 10.d5 Nd4

White has an edge. 11.Be3

[11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nb5 (12.Qxd4
Nxe4 Pin, Discovered Attack 13.Qd3
Nxc3?) 12...Bd7=]

11...Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Nh5 13.c5 f5
14.cxd6 cxd6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Ng5

[16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Qxh5 f4-+]

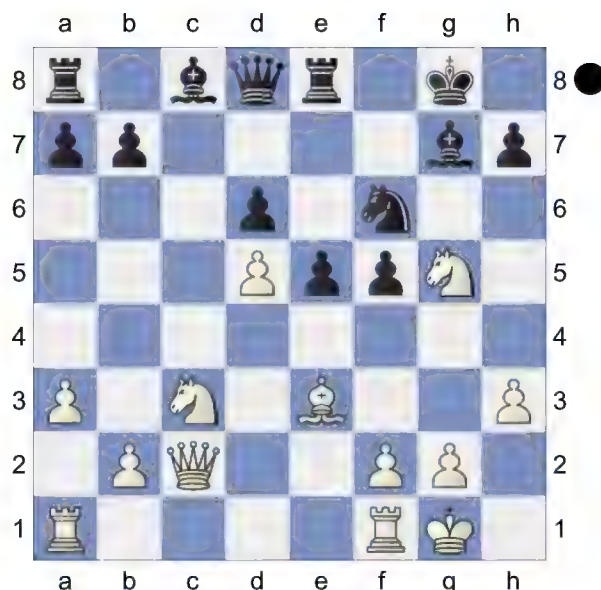
16...Nf6 17.Qc2 -0.91/20

[17.Rac1= 0.13/20 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

17...h6! Black continues to play with
concentration. 18.Nf3 a6 19.Rad1 Bd7
20.Qb3 -1.27/19

[20.Nh4 -0.84/20 f4 21.Bd2]



20...b5! 21.Ne1 -1.92/18

[21.Kh2? -1.30/20 might work better.]

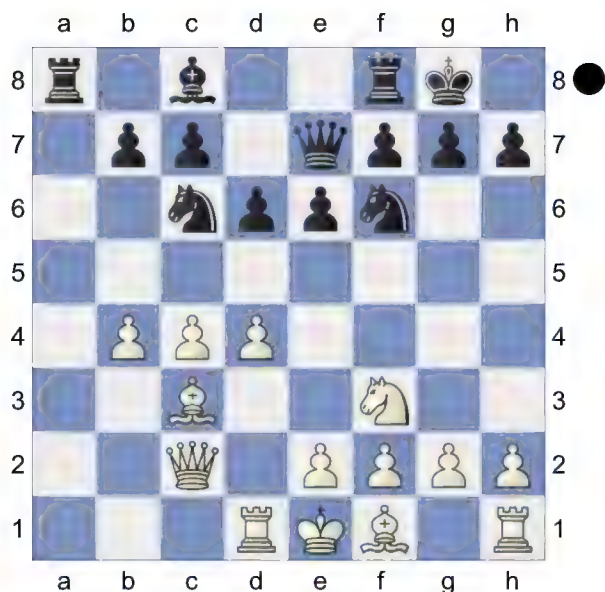
21...f4-+ 22.Bc1 Kh8 23.Qc2 Rg8
24.Nf3 Qe8 25.Nh4 Bf8 ...Qh5! would
now be deadly. 26.Kh2 Qh5
Dodges Qe2 27.g3 Be7 And now ...
Ng4+! would win.

[27...Rc8 28.Rde1-+]

28.Qe2

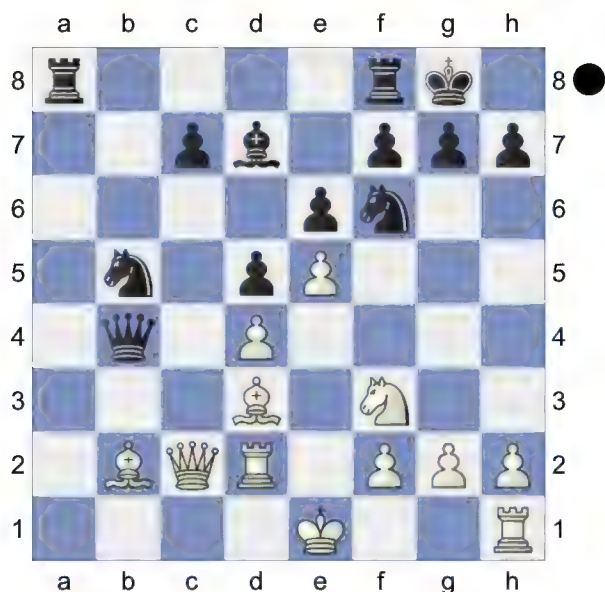
(Diagram)

Ng4+! 29.hxg4



was an excellent sacrifice to exploit Black's lead in development in Ritson Morry-Batik, correspondence 1954: **12.cxb5 Na7** Excellent horsemanship. **13.e4 Bd7 14.Bd3 Nxb5** regained the pawn and should be equal after 15 0-0, but instead **15.Bb2? d5!** aiming for ... **dxe4. Discovered Attack 16.e5 Qxb4+ 17.Rd2 -1.18/22**

[Only move: 17.Qd2!± -0.39/23
Qxd2+ 18.Nxd2]



17...Ne4!± 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 f5

-0.31/21

[19...Ra2± -1.06/21 20.0-0 Rxb2]
20.exf6 Nd6! gave Black a strong initiative.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

A50

□ **Brudno, Stephen**

■ **Benjamin, Joel**

Game 38 Boston

2001

[James Schuyler, MH]

Brutality in the Be3 variation.

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.f3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.c5 0-0 10.Bd3 -0.33/20

[10.Qd2± 0.48/19]

10...Nd7! 0.32/19

[Black should play 10...c6 11.dxc6 d5]

11.cxd6± cxd6 12.Ne2 Prevents Nf4

12...Qa5 13.0-0 Nc5 Prevents Qb3

14.Bc4 Bd7 15.Bb3

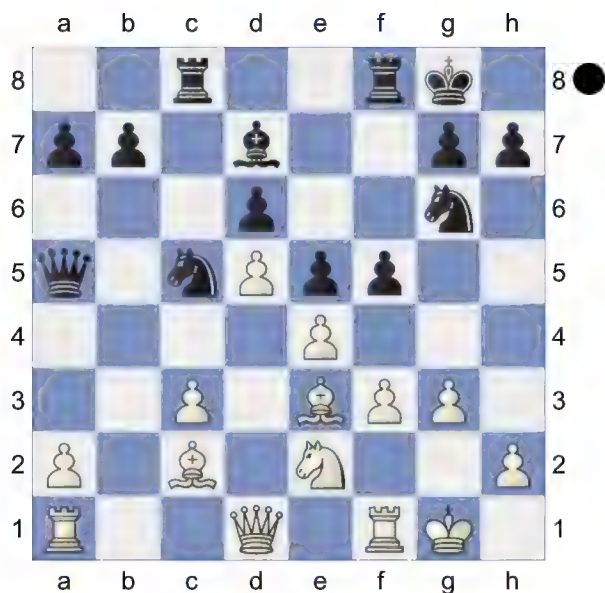
[15.Qd2!?]

15...Rac8 16.g3 -1.28/22

[16.Rc1= -0.09/21 keeps the balance.]

16...f5 After constructing an ideal position on the queenside, Benjamin opens up the second front. The more I look at the Dark Knight System, the more I'm struck by how often it is Black who has the convenient pawn breaks, and how useful that is. Black is more active. 17.Bc2 -2.68/19

[17.exf5 -0.99/18 Bxf5 18.Kg2]



Loses the game. 17...fxe4!-+ 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Bh3+ 20.Kg1 Rf8 21.Qd2

(Diagram)

Qxa2!!
22.Re1

Ow! Deflection, Back Rank



[If 22.Rxa2? -#1/16 22.Re1 -3.46 Rf1# .]

22...Qc4 23.Bf2 a5

[23...Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.Nf4-+]

24.Nc1 Rf3 Against Nd3 25.Ne2 -5.36/23

[25.Qe2 -3.47/20 Rxc3 (25...Qxc3 26.Qd1-+) 26.Qxc4 Rxc4 27.Bd3 Nxd3 28.Nxd3]

25...a4

[Less strong is 25...Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.Nf4=]

26.Qg5 Nxe4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1

A50

□ Kalantaryan, Norayr

2437

■ Hagesaether, Halvard

2222

Linares Anibal op 07th (3)

09.01.2000

[Blatny, Pavel, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7

cx d5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.a3 Bc5 7.g3 -0.16/20

[7.Be3 -0.07/21 7.b4 0.54 Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 9.Be2 c6 10.h4 h5 11.Nf3 Ng4 12.Qd2 Qb6 13.dxc6 Nxe3 14.g3! Ng2+ 15.Kf1 Ne3+ 16.Ke1 0-0! 17.cxb7 Bxb7 aiming for ...Rac8. 18.Na4? -2.58/19 (18.b4! 0-0 -0.48/19) 18...Qb3+ 19.Qc3? -4.06/20 (19.Rc1 -2.49/19 was necessary. Bxe4 20.Rc3 Nc2+ 21.Kf2 Qxa4 22.Bd1) 19...Nc2+ 0-1 Zitin,Y-Vlassov,N/Chigorin mem 1995/EXT 97]

[7.Bd3 d6 8.h3 Wards off Ng4 a6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Qe2 Bd7 11.Be3 c6 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qe3↑ Kofidis,A-Raptis,G/Panormo zt 1998/CBM 67 ext/1-0 (43)]

[7.b4± 0.69/23 Be7 (7...Bd4 8.Nge2±) 8.Bd3]

7...0-0 0.39/21

[7...c6 0.92/20 7...d6 -0.17 8.Bg2

-0.09/20 (8.b4± 0.92/20 Bd4 9.Nge2)

A) 8...cx d5!= -0.09/20 keeps the balance. 9.exd5 (9.cxd5 d6) 9...d6;

B) 8...b5 1.11/21 9.b4± Bd4 10.Nge2 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Threatens to win with c5. bxc4 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 0.33/22 (13.d6± 1.01/18) 13...a5 0.95/20 (13...cx d5± 0.33/22 14.exd5 d6) 14.Be3 0.35/21 (14.b5± 0.95/20) 14...Ba6 0.81/21 (14...cx d5!± 0.35/21 15.exd5 d6) 15.Rfd1 Black must now prevent dxc6. axb4 16.axb4 And now dxc6 would win. Qb8 17.Rab1 0.41/20 (White should try 17.Rdb1± 0.85/21) 17...Bb5∞ 0.93/17 1-0 Sarno,S-Malgaroli,L/Torino op 1991/EXT 2000 (27) (Black should play 17...h6± 0.41/20)]

[7...d6= -0.16/20]

8.Bg2 -0.02/22

[8.h4± 0.39/21]

8...a6 The position is equal. **9.b4 Ba7 10.Nge2 d6 11.h3 Repels Ng4 11...Ne8! 0.32/22**

[11...c6= -0.21/19]

12.0-0± f5 13.exf5 Bxf5↑ 14.Be3 -0.51/20

[14.Ne4= 0.25/22]

14...Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qg5 16.e4 Qe3+ 17.Kh2 Bd7 18.Rxf8+ Kxf8 19.Qf1+ Nf6 20.Qf3 -0.72/19 Prevents h5.

[20.Qc1 Qd3 21.c5! ?]

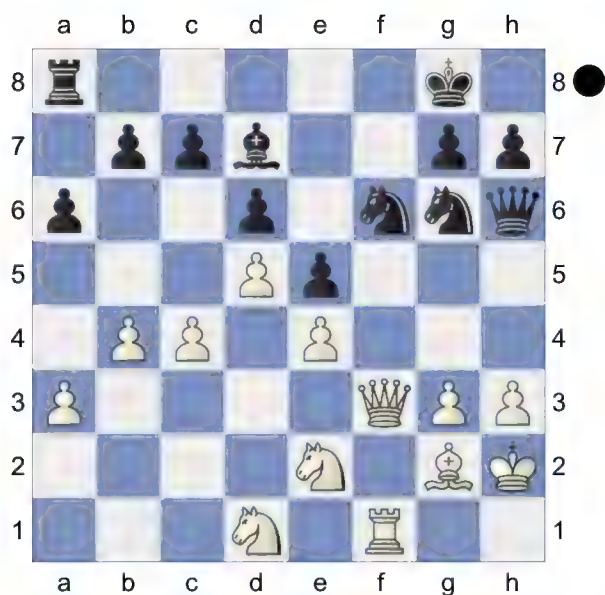
[20.Qc1 0-0 -0.31/23 Qd3 21.c5]

20...Qd2 Black is more active. **21.Rd1 Qh6 22.Rf1 Kg8**

[22...a5 is interesting. 23.h4 Ke7 24.c5 Qd2]

23.Nd1? -2.25/19

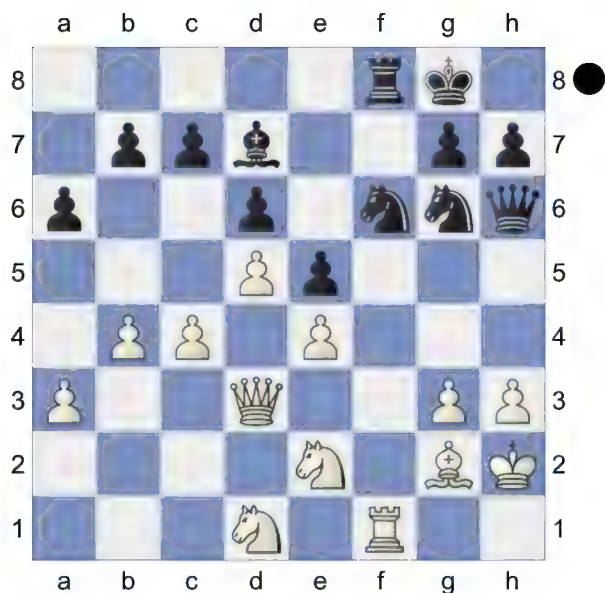
[23.h4 0-0 -0.74/21]



White does not recover from this.

23...Rf8!-+ 24.Qd3

[24.Kg1 Bxh3 25.Bxh3 Qxh3+]



24...Bxh3! Remove Defender 25.Bxh3? -5.79/21

[25.Kg1 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Ng4-+
Dodges Ne3]

[25.Kg1 -2.76/20 is tougher.]

25...Ng4+ Black is clearly winning.

**26.Kg2 Rxf1 Deflection 27.Kxf1 Qxh3+
28.Ke1**



Nf4! Pin 29.Qf3

[29.Nxf4 exf4-+]

[29.Qc3 Nxe2]

29...Nh2 30.Qh1

[30.Qb3 Qf1+ 31.Kd2 Qxe2+-+]

**30...Nd3+ 31.Kd2 Nf1+ Discovered
Attack, Double Attack.**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/
Black=0.12 (very precise)

0-1

A50

□ **Schiendorfer, Emanuel**

■ **Recuero Guerra, David**

Game 44: European Jnr Ch

2006

[J Schuyler, MH]

The catastrophe that is White's plan of
g2-g3 and f2-f4.

**A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)**

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:
Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7
cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5
4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3

9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E
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 615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.g3 -0.09/20

[6.h4± 0.77/19]

6...Bb4= 7.Bg2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6
 The position is equal. 9.Ne2 0-0 10.0-0
 Qe7 11.Qd3 Bd7 12.Ba3 Rfe8
 13.Rae1 b6 14.Nc1 Qd8 Not the most
 inspiring play so far. Now comes typical
 hara-kiri by White. 15.f4? -0.96/21

[15.Qd1= -0.25/22 keeps the
 balance.]

15...exf4± 16.gxf4 Nh5 17.Ne2
 -1.74/21

[17.Qd2± -0.82/21]

17...Qh4+ 18.Bc1 f5 19.Kh1 -2.94/19

[19.Qd1 -1.66/18]

19...Re7? 1.19/20

[19...fxe4+ -2.94/19 20.Bxe4 Bh3]

20.exf5?? -4.51/24

[20.e5!± 1.19/20 is forced if you want
 to stay better.]

(Diagram)

20...Bxf5! Black is clearly winning.

21.Qf3

[21.Qxf5



Bh3 would now be deadly. Rxe2!
 22.Rxe2 Ng3+ 23.Kg1 Nxe2+
 24.Kh1 Ng3+ 25.Kg1 Nxf5
 is hilariously brutal.]

[21.Qxf5? too greedy. Rxe2! 22.Qh3
 Rxe1]

[21.Qd1 Rae8]

21...Bg4 22.Qf2 Rxe2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/
 Black=0.51

0-1

□ **Zhu,Chen**

■ **Christiansen**

US-Summit Seattle

[R Palliser,MH]

A50

2001

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" Taking White out of his comfort zone: The Tango is an ideal opening at club level, not so much because it contains some well-hidden traps early on in the game but mainly because it doesn't require memorising oodles of theory. Black needs to know a little in places, but a good general understanding, allied with constantly aiming for activity, is much more important, as should become clear from the strategic examples throughout this work. --- It isn't so easy for poor White, however, and not only because the Tango remains quite a surprise. Players under 2000 often struggle in the early stages, having been taken out of their usual favoured set-ups. Some may play aggressively, such as with the 3 d5 of Chapter 3 whilst others will stick to classical development, which is especially easy to handle as Chapter 1 reveals. Indeed, even a women's world champion can struggle:

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0

12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxd7 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.g3!? Ng6 6.Bg2 0.16/18

[Better is 6.h4± 0.90/19]

6...Bc5 0.64/22

[6...Bb4!= 0.16/18 is superior.]

7.e3 0.10/20 White wasn't rated as high as 2538 for nothing; she's met Black's dark-squared set-up by cleverly aiming to limit the scope of the key dark-squared bishop and the g6-knight.

[7.Na4± 0.64/22 Be7 (7...Bb4+ 8.Kf1) 8.h4]

7...0-0= 8.Nge2 The position is equal.

8...a6! An important concept: Black preserves the bishop from being exchanged after ...d7-d6 (with Na4), and will now look to utilise the e5-bridgehead and his knights to expand on the kingside.

9.0-0 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Rb1 -0.51/20

[11.a4= -0.10/21 deserves consideration. should be considered.]

11...b5!? 8...a6 wasn't just a defensive measure, as it also supports this thrust which rather breaks up White's natural queenside advance with b4 and c5. Christiansen has handled the opening actively and well, and already White is

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13.a4? No doubt White thought that she should be much better on the queenside but, compared with a King's Indian, Black's dark-squared bishop is playing a key role outside the pawn chain. This pawn sacrifice is simply too ambitious,

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13...bxc4 Black is more active. **14.a5 Ba7 15.b5 -1.24/20**

[**15.Qc2 $\bar{f}$ -0.60/17**]

15...axb5 $\bar{f}$ 16.Nxb5



Bf5! 17.Ra1 Bc5 Like all Tango players strive to do, Christiansen is accurately responding to the downsides of White's plan. The position has now opened up for his bishops, although the kingside remains the overall target.

18.Nec3 -2.30/18

[18.Nbc3 **$\bar{f}$ -1.23/21** was worth a try.]

18...Bd3+ 19.e4 Qd7! 20.Re1 Rfb8 21.Qa4 Ng4 Having sensibly rejected the exchange to keep the initiative, Black begins to home in on White's relatively undefended kingside. Indeed, as is often the case in the Tango, the attack is very fast, while White struggles to make any further inroads on the other flank.

22.Be3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 h5! 24.Bf1 -3.70/20

[**24.a6 -2.53/18**]

24...h4 25.Bxd3 cxd3 26.Kg2 hxg3 ...Qg4 is the strong threat. **27.hxg3 d2 28.Re2? -5.02/20**

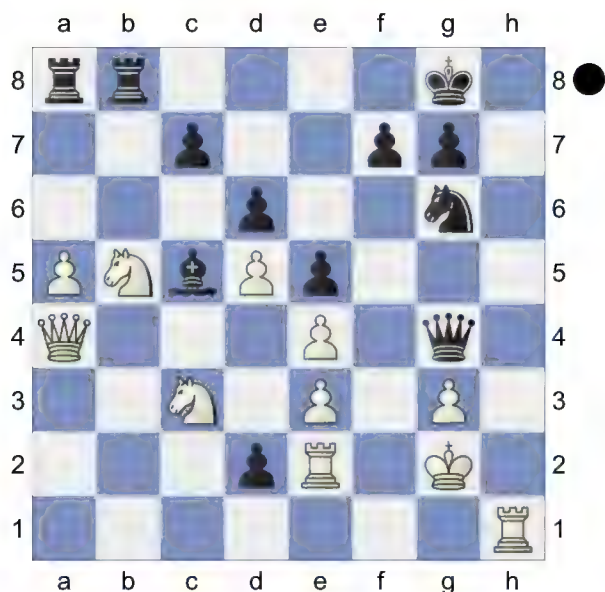
[**28.Rf1 -3.13/19** keeps fighting. was called for.]

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blown away and Christiansen comes in for the kill.

Strongly threatening ...Nh4+. Black is clearly winning. In the blink of an eye, the white monarch's defences have been blown away and Christiansen comes in for the kill. And now ...Nh4+ would win. Black is clearly winning. **29.Rh1 -9.57/21**

[Δ 29.Rf1 -5.14/18 Nh4+ 30.Kh2 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 Qxf3 32.Rxd2]



Preventing 29...Nh4+, but unsurprisingly Black now has a neat finish.

29...Nf4+! 30.exf4 exf4 31.Rxd2 Qxg3+

[31...fxg3? too greedy. is the wrong capture.

A) 32.Nxc7 Rb4+- (32...Bb4+-);

B) 32.Ra2+-]

32.Kf1 Qf3+ 33.Ke1 Qxh1+

White got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.12 (very precise) . So what do most Grandmasters do?: 3 Nf3 is White's best try to reach a queen's pawn opening with which he is to some extent familiar, and is the option chosen by most strong players (although they

may have played 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 and thus already had their options reduced). The Tango may be an ideal weapon at club level and in 'swiss' events, but it is also theoretically acceptable against all levels of opposition. Those few who are prepared for the Tango, realising that quiet development doesn't lead to any sort of advantage, will often counter in quite creative ways: either with 3 Nc3 e5 4 d5 Ne7 and then a quick h4, or with 3 Nf3 e6 4 a3, preventing Black's intended development with 4...Bb4 $\oplus$. Neither of these, however, are the refutations they've sometimes been made out to be. Indeed, Black can gain an unbalanced position against both and on a fairly level playing field.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

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☐ **White Counters Dynamically**

☒ **G2 A3**

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 **0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5**

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Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.h4 Neg8 6.a3!? Preventing ...
 Bb4 and thereby continuing to make it
 difficult for Black to develop.

6...a6!

[Preparing a retreat square for the
 bishop once it reaches c5. Black could
 also do this with **6...a5!?** ; indeed it
 may well be useful to gain some
 queenside space like this and
 certainly White will take longer to get
 in b4. However, White may well
 benefit in the long term from an open
 a-file, whilst the weakness of both the
 a5-pawn and the b5-square should
 not be underestimated, especially
 after something like 7.Nf3 Ng4 8.e3
 f5 9.Rb1! . Here the bishop might well
 become a tactical liability down the a-
 file after

A) but 9...Be7 10.b4 -0.36/19
(10.Be2± 0.34/20) 10...axb4±
11.axb4 e4?! 0.36/20 (11...d6!±
-0.33/19) 12.Nd4± Bxh4 1.77/17
(12...d6± 0.37/20) 13.g3!+- Bf6
14.Nxe4! 0.49/20 also favoured
 White in Carlstrom-Snarheim,
 Hallsberg 1999 (White must play
 14.d6!+- 1.75/21);

B) 9...Be7± 0.37/22;

C) 9...Bc5 0.87/19 10.b4± axb4
11.axb4 Ba7 2.17/20 . (11...Be7±
0.74/18 was necessary.)]

7.Nf3!

[Heading straight for g5. **7.Qd3**

(Roques-Schranz, correspondence
 2001) shouldn't be too challenging
 after h6 8.Qg3 d6 , intending ...Nh5
 and ...g6.]

[Instead **7.Qc2 0.10/20 7.Nf3 0.90**
 Bc5 8.b4 Ba7 9.Nf3 is similar to the
 main line and after d6 10.e3
 . Interestingly, the respected
 theoretician Stohl has already
 assessed this position in Black's
 favour. He recognised that ...Ng4,
 ...f5 and ...N8f6 will easily complete
 Black's development, whilst Orlov is
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 king may well land up lacking a safe
 home. Ng4! 11.Bd3 h6 Black is fine.
 White is quite slow on the queenside,
 whilst the h4-weakness will be a
 permanent thorn in his side. Certainly
 12.0-0 Ne7 13.a4 f5 14.Be2 0-0
 15.Nd1 **-1.33/19 (15.c5± -0.66/18)**
 15...Ng6 16.g3 e4! gave Black good
 attacking chances in Helbig-
 Simmelink, correspondence 1999.]

[**7.e3** Bc5 8.b4 Ba7 9.Nf3 **-0.24/20**
(9.g4± 0.93/23) 9...d6= (Sedrakian-
 Sosonkin, USSR 1986) could easily
 transpose to 7 Qc2 after 10.Qc2
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7...Ng4! 8.Ng5 White is better.

[Avoiding **8.e4? -1.53/21 8.e3 0.87**
 Bc5 . From Black's perspective the
 knight is annoyingly placed on g5,
 for kicking it away with ...h6 isn't so
 easy if it can then retreat to h3, when

it hopes to come to a strong f4-square in the event of ...e4.]

[8.e3!? may appear less challenging but is also dangerous. Now play continues

A) 8...Bc5?! 9.b4 Ba7 1.44/19
(9...Be7 0.75/21) 10.d6!
ensures that the bishop must now stay within the pawn chain;

B) 8...f5

B1) or 9.Qc2 – Elburg-Beyer, correspondence 2000 – when d6 is not too bad (but 9...N8h6!? 1.14/19 9...d6 0.66, keeping open the option of ...Bc5, may well improve);

B2) 9.Be2 N8f6 10.Qc2! forces Black to block in the f8-bishop. Now

B2a) 10...g6!? might be a flexible move order as then Orlov's 11.h5!? 0.54/18 (11.Ng5!± 1.05/20) 11...Nxb5± 12.Rxb5 -0.37/20 (12.Nh4!± 0.37/20 Qg5 13.d6 Bxd6 14.Nf3) 12...gxh5 13.Qxf5 doesn't appear to give White more than reasonable compensation after Qf6! 14.Qxh5+ Qg6, and perhaps not even that;

B2b) 10...d6 11.Ng5! Qe7 was assessed by Orlov as being slightly in White's favour. Perhaps objectively it is, but Black's position is certainly very playable, even without the bishop being active on a7 (holding up c5 and f3). Castling short will allow Black kingside play, but neither is would transpose to 8 e3 f5. 12.Bd2!? 0.66/20 (12.f3±

1.08/18 Nh6 13.Bd2) 12...g6 1.16/21 (12...e4!± 0.66/20) 13.f3 Nh6 14.0-0-0 Bg7 15.Kb1 so worrying for Black. The e6-square remains under control and ...Nf7 will challenge the g5-knight. Meanwhile Black is quite solid and it won't be at all easy for White to break down his King's Indian structure on the kingside.

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8...f5 1.28/20

[Instead 8...h6?! 9.Nge4! f5 is too weakening. After 10.e3! N8f6 1.71/18 (10...d6!± 0.56/20) 11.Ng3! crucially the g4-knight lacks a retreat square.]

[8...h6± 0.54/21]

9.Qc2± Bc5!?

[Keeping the bishop active, but simply 9...d6!? 1.76/21 9...Bc5 1.13 10.e3 0.66/18 (White should try 10.Ne6+- 1.76/21 Bxe6 11.dxe6) 10...N8f6 1.23/20 (10...Be7!± 0.66/18) 11.Be2 Qe7 would transpose to 8 e3 f5.]

10.e3 0.61/21

[Not 10.Qxf5 N8h6 (10...Nxf2 11.Qf7#; 10...Bxf2+ 11.Kd1±) 11.Qf3 Bxf2+ (11...Nxf2?! 12.Nce4=) 12.Kd2 Bxh4±]

[White should play 10.f3!± 1.41/22 N4h6 11.Qa4]

10...d6!±

[Instead 10...Ne7 11.Be2 Nf6 12.b4 Ba7 13.Bb2 (De Groot-Simmeling, correspondence 1996) has been

assessed as slightly better for White in both 'NCO' and in 'Play 1 d4!'. Perhaps that's so, although the game certainly wasn't so clear after h6 1.40/22 (13...0-0 0.98/20) 14.Nf3? -0.61/19 (14.0-0-0!± 1.40/22) 14...d6± as White lacked a clear plan and no doubt wished that the h-pawn was back on h2.

A) as instead 15.c5?! e4! 0.46/21 (15...0-0!± -0.69/19) 16.cxd6 -0.21/24 (16.Nd4± 0.46/21) 16...Qxd6 0.39/23 (16...cxd6= -0.21/24 17.Ng1 0-0) 17.Nd2± g4! is the strong threat. 0-0! 18.Rd1 -0.73/19 (18.Nc4± 0.37/21 stays ahead. Qd7 19.Ne5) 18...b5!± left the d5-pawn set to drop off and so forced White into immense and unclear complications arising after 19.Bxb5! -1.71/18 . (19.Nf1± -0.81/21 is a better defense.);

B) 15.Rd1 , preparing c5, is now best]

However, the e7-knight does slightly clog up Black's camp and so it may well be better to develop it to h6. From there it usefully defends f5 and can also challenge the g5-knight from f7, whilst it's not so easy for White to push back the g4-knight with f3.

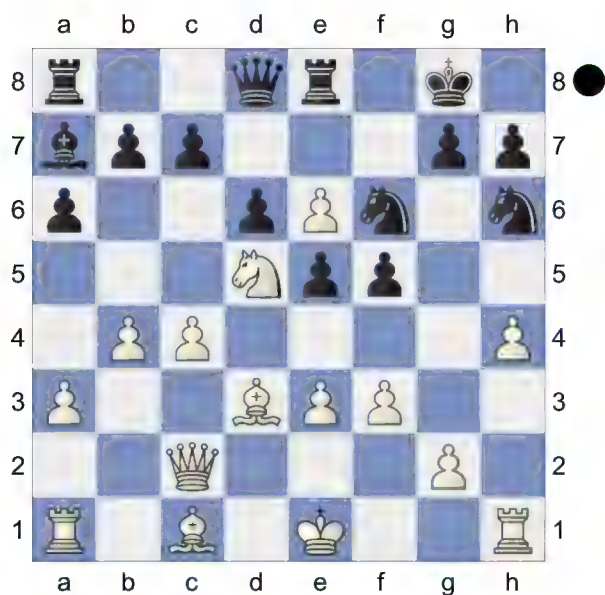
11.Be2 N8h6 12.b4 Ba7 13.-- -0.23/20
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

[This unclear position appears to be playable for Black, who intends ...Qe7 and ...0-0 and will aim for counterplay against whichever side White castles. The weakness of e6 isn't easy to exploit, for example, 13.Bxg4 -0.13/19 13.a4 0.28 Nxg4 14.Ne6! Bxe6 15.dxe6 e4! 0.71/23 and 16...c6

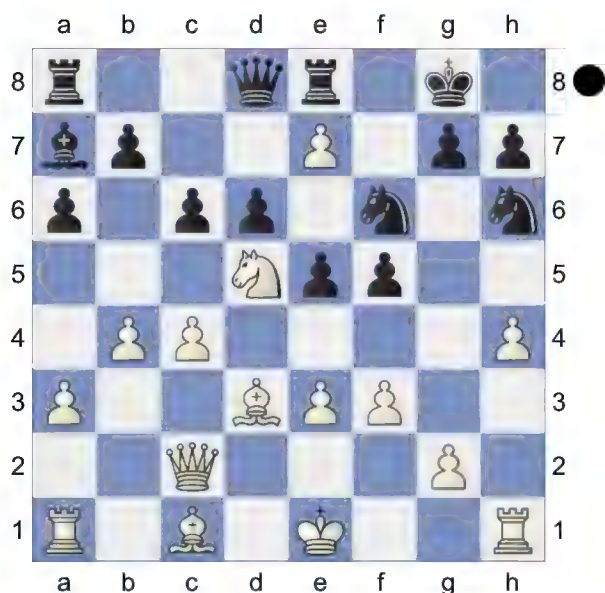
(15...Nh6= -0.25/22)]

[or 13.Ne6?! Bxe6 14.dxe6

A) 14...0-0 0.31/22 14...Qc8 -0.25
15.f3 Strongly threatening Nd5. Nf6!
isn't so clear due to 16.Nd5
e7 would now be deadly. Re8
17.Bd3! -0.72/21 (17.e7± 0.33/19
keeps the upper hand. Qd7
18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Rh3)



17...c6! 18.e7



Qd7! 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 when White
gains good compensation due to
Black's weakened kingside;

B) 14...Qc8! -0.48/22 deserves
consideration.;

C) 14...c6! -0.07/21 15.Bxg4!=
(otherwise Black simply has 15...
0-0, to cover f4, 16...Qe7 and 17...
Qxe6) fxe4 16.Ne4 Black must
now prevent Bb2. 0-0 next ...Nf5 is
good for Black. 17.Ng5 -0.87/19
(17.c5!= -0.16/21 keeps the
balance. d5 18.Ng5) 17...Nf5!
, intending 18...h6 and then to pick
up the e6-pawn.]

[13.a4± 0.39/21]

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□ **Begri,Felix**

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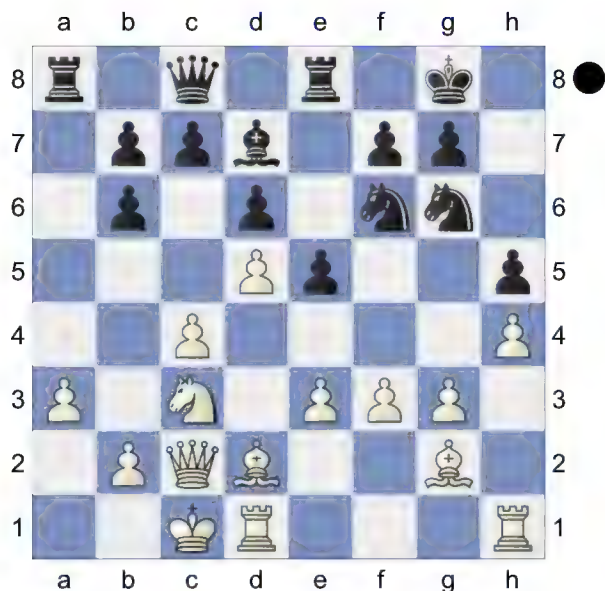
[Kitty Kat]

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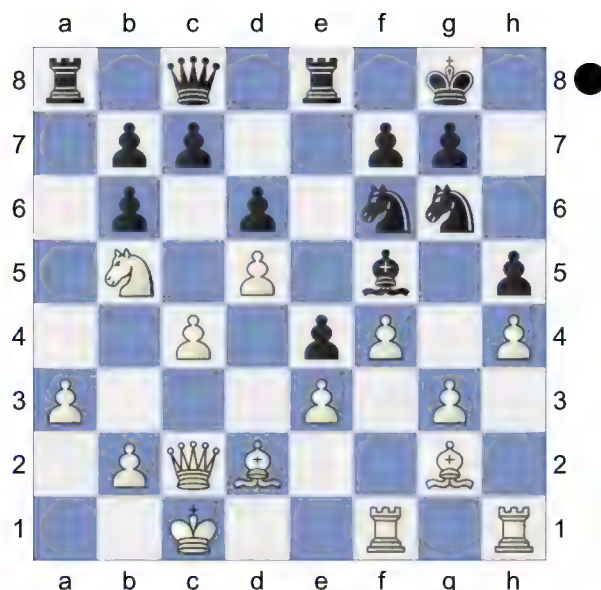
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
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4...Ne7 5.g3 Ng6 6.Bg2 0.26/24
 [6.h4± 0.88/21]
6...Bc5 7.e3 0.05/21
 [White should play 7.h4± 0.60/21]
7...d6 8.Nge2 White has an edge.
 [8.b4!? Bb6□ 9.Nf3=]
8...Bd7 9.Bd2 Qc8 0.46/22
 [9...a5= -0.21/20]
10.Na4± Bb6! 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.h4
h5 13.Qc2 0.23/23
 [13.e4± 0.60/22]
13...0-0 14.Nc3 Bg4 15.f3 Bd7 16.a3
Re8 17.0-0-0 -0.65/20
 [17.e4± 0.69/21]



17...e4!± 18.f4
 [18.Nxe4 Nxe4]
18...Bg4 19.Rdf1 -1.23/23
 [19.Rde1!± -0.52/21]
19...Bf5 20.Nb5 -1.42/19
 [Δ20.Kb1 -1.01/19]

(Diagram)

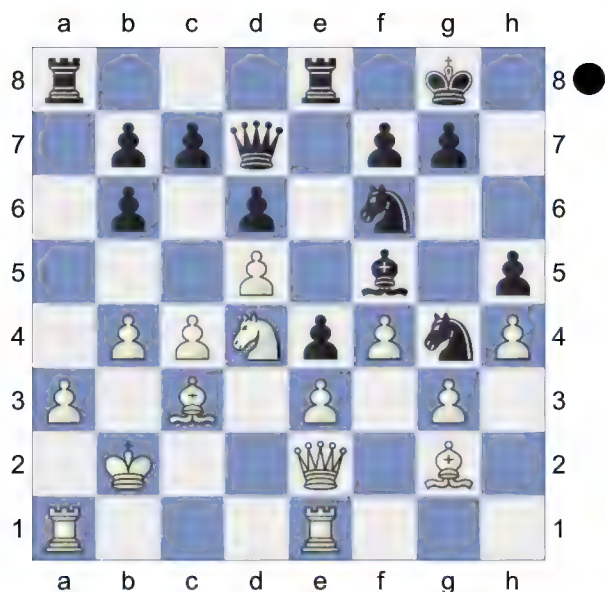
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[20...Qd7!± -1.42/19 21.Nc3 c6
 22.dxc6 bxc6]
21.b4 -0.39/21
 [21.Nd4!= 0.15/21 Ne7 22.Kb1
 (22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 c6±)]
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24.Nd4 -0.97/19
 [24.Rd1= -0.23/19]
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 25.Re1 c5 26.dxc6 bxc6]
25.Qe2 Nhf6 26.Ra1 -0.91/22
 [White should try 26.Rd1!± -0.39/20]
26...Qd7 -0.14/20
 [26...Bd7± -0.91/22 Threatens to win
 with ...c5. 27.Bh3 c6]
27.Rhe1 -1.08/19
 [27.Bh3= -0.14/20]

(Diagram)

27...c6!± 28.dxc6 bxc6 29.Nxf5 Qxf5
30.Qd2? -3.07/19 This move loses the
 game for White.
 [30.Bh3± -1.39/20]
30...d5+ 31.Bd4 -4.29/18
 [Δ31.Bh3 -2.74/19 dxc4 32.Bxg4



Qxg4 (32...Nxg4? 33.Qd4-+)
33.Bd4]

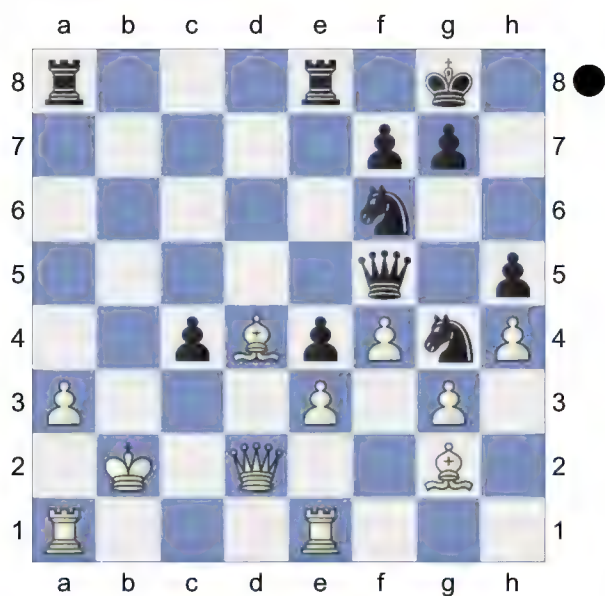
31...c5

[Don't do 31...dxc4 32.Bxb6 Nd5
33.Bd4]

32.bxc5 bxc5

[32...dxc4 33.cxb6 Nd5 34.Bh3±
(34.Rec1? Qe6-+)]

33.Bxc5 dxc4 34.Bd4



c3+! 35.Bxc3 Nd5 ...Nxc3 would now
be deadly. Excellent horsemanship.
36.Bd4 Rec8 (-> ...Rab8+) 37.Rec1?
-#8/15

[37.Ra2-+ -3.57/17 Rab8+ 38.Ka1]

37...Rab8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/
Black=0.39

0-1

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□ **White Develops Classically**

■ **H1 Bd3**

[R Palliser,MH]

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Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 0.37/23

[6.h4± 0.86/21]

6...Bb4± 7.Bd3 Bxc3+!

[Ensuring that White's structure will
be weakened. 7...0-0 might also be
possible as then 8.f3 (intending 9
Nge2 so as to be able to recapture on

c3 with a piece) Bxc3+ transposes, although in that case White could also consider 8 Rc1!?.]

[However, Black must be careful not to prefer 7...d6?? 3.48/22 7...Bxc3+ 0.16 when 8.Qa4+ is rather embarrassing.]

8.bxc3 d6 The position is equal. **9.f3 -0.19/22** Prevents Ng4.

[Preventing 9...Ng4, although White can also opt to do that with 9.h3!? -0.24/24 9.h4 0.12 0-0 and now:

A) 10.g4?! Nd7! left White a little overextended on the kingside and without too much chance of gaining an attack in Urushadze-Velicka, European Ch. 2002. There followed 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.Bc2 b6 13.Bg5?! (again this achieves little bar to misplace the bishop) Qe8 14.Be3 Ba6 when White had already found Black's pressure to be so strong that he was forced to exchange on c5. However, that was far from the end of his problems as Black immediately began to exploit White's weakened kingside with 15.Bxc5 -1.56/20 (15.h4 -0.90/20) 15...bxc5 16.Bb3 Qe7 Inhibits h4. 17.Ne2 Qf6! -1.27/20 (17...Rfb8+ -1.71/22 18.Qe3 Bb7) 18.Qe3 Nh4 .;

B) b) More restrained and superior was the 10.g3 of Reilly-Depasquale, Australian Ch. 2004, when Black demonstrated another way to gain queenside pressure: Bd7 0.31/22 (10...b6= -0.25/23) 11.Qc2 c6!? 12.Ne2 -0.48/27 (12.a4!= 0.00/24 is more appropriate.) 12...Qa5! -0.06/24 (now Black will bring the king's rook to the c-file when ...cxd5

is the usual way to further his queenside play, although ...b5!? may also be possible to destroy White's centre and to open queenside lines) (12...b5 ̄ -0.48/27 13.dxc6 bxc4 14.cxd7 cxd3 15.Qxd3 Qxd7) 13.Rb1 Rab8 14.Kf1 Rfc8

B1) this drives Black's bishop and knight to where they want to go, although after 15.Kg2, as well as the plan Depasquale now implements, White may well have feared b5!? aiming for ... bxc4. 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.cxb5! Bxb5 18.Bxb5 -0.32/19 (18.c4= 0.09/25) 18...Rxb5 19.Rxb5 Qxb5 when he remains under some pressure on the queenside and in the centre;

B2) 15.Kg2= 0.07/24;

B3) 15.Bg5?! -0.43/18 15...cxd5 16.cxd5 Ba4! 17.Qd2 Nd7 with an excellent position for Black due to his queenside pressure, whilst 18...Nc5 is next up.;

C) 10.Ne2= -0.15/22;

D) 10.-- -0.59/23]

[15.h4 0.28/20]

9...0-0 0.25/21

[Simply getting the king to safety before beginning queenside operations, although also possible is 9...Nd7!? . For example, 10.Ne2 b6 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.Nc1?! -0.98/22 (this is rather slow, but evidently White considered the c5-knight too strong to be ignored) (12.Bc2= -0.10/21) 12...0-0 13.Nb3 -1.54/23 (13.Be2 -0.91/22) 13...Nxd3+! ̄ (Black doesn't mind an exchange on c5 if that gains him White's dark-

squared bishop and thus access to the kingside dark squares, but he'd prefer not to simply exchange knights and so instead weakens White on the light squares) 14.Qxd3 f5 15.Nd2 Nh4 16.Rg1 Qe8! , intending 17... Qa4, left Black much better in Hovmoller-El Kher, Copenhagen 2000.]

[9...Nd7 -0.19/22 was preferable.]

10.Ne2

[Again Black shouldn't mind White undoubling his pawns with 10.c5 -0.19/21 10.Qd2 0.28 when Brudno-Benjamin, US Open 2001 witnessed Nd7! 0.33/21 (10...c6= -0.19/21 11.c4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 dxc5) 11.cxd6± cxd6 12.Ne2 (12.g3?! -0.71/22 12.Ne2 0.35 Qa5! would actually transpose to Spiller-Orlov) 12...Qa5! (again bringing the queen to its most active square) 13.0-0 Nc5 Wards off Qb3 14.Bc4 Bd7 15.Bb3 Rac8 when Black was already more than comfortable. Indeed, White could find nothing better than 16.g3 -1.35/21 (16.Rc1= 0.00/23) 16...f5± 17.Bc2? -2.67/20 , again transposing to Spiller-Orlov! (17.exf5± -1.06/20 is the only way for White. Bxf5 18.Kg2)]

10...Nd7 11.Qd2

[This isn't essential, but Black hardly fears 11.0-0 either. Nc5 12.Nc1 -0.88/22 (12.Bxc5= -0.01/21 dxc5 13.a4) 12...b6 13.Nb3 -1.44/20 was the course of Karl-Velicka, Bern 1998. Now Black should have copied El-Kher by attacking on the light squares, beginning with (Better is 13.Bc2± -0.62/20) 13...Nxd3!± 14.Qxd3 f5 .]

11...b6 12.Bg5?! -0.48/24

[Provoking ...f6 is hardly an achievement as Black intended to play ...f5 at some point anyhow, but already White is at a loss for a plan. Standing worse on the queenside, his logical outlet is the kingside, but advancing there doesn't really help either. Indeed 12.g3 -0.83/21 12.Ng3 0.09 Nc5 13.h4 -1.20/25 (13.Bxc5 -0.73/23 bxc5 14.h4) 13...f5! 14.Bxc5 bxc5 15.h5 Ne7 16.h6 g6 didn't lead anywhere in Remlinger-Orlov, San Francisco 1991 as Black is simply too solid on the kingside. After 17.Qg5?! -1.57/21 (17.exf5 -0.81/21 Bxf5 18.g4 Bxd3 19.Qxd3)



Orlov transposed to a very favourable ending (h6 will also now be vulnerable) with 17...fxe4!± 18.fxe4 Nc6! 19.Qxd8 (the queen could also retreat, but then 19...Na5! and ...Ba6 – Orlov – sees White undermined on the light squares) Nxd8 .]

[12.Ng3= 0.12/23]

12...f6± 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Bxc5

[Again Black wins back the dark-squared bishop as White prefers not

to have to passively defend c4 with
14.Bc2 Ba6 15.Bb3 .]

14...bxc5 15.h4!? -1.02/21

Easy to criticise, but to sit still and try to defend in a slightly worse position like this is far from easy, especially as it's simple for Black to increase the pressure on both the queenside and also the kingside beginning with ...f5.

[15.Rb1 ♗ -0.58/21]

15...f5 ♗ 16.h5 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Qc2! -0.67/23

[Covering e4 and preparing to go long, whilst of course the pawn was immune due to **18.Qxf4?** -4.38/20 18.h6 -0.49



fxe4! when 19.Qxe4? runs into Re8 .]

[Also possible is **18.exf5** Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.0-0-0 , but here Black has a pleasant choice between queenside play with Qd7 -0.34/19 , intending 21...Qa4, or bringing the queen to g5 . (Black should try 20...Qg5 ♗ -0.89/20 21.Rde1 h6)]

[18.Qxf4? perishes. fxe4 19.Qd2 (19.Qxe4? loses. Re8+ Pin) 19...exd3+]

[18.h6= -0.27/22 should be considered. g6 19.0-0-0 (19.Qxf4? fxe4 20.Qd2 exd3+)]

18...Qg5! 19.0-0-0 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Bf5! -0.15/22

Dao Thien Hai-Silman, Budapest 1994. Swapping off the bishops leaves Black better, as he intends to either take the e-file or to win the h5-pawn.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

[20...h6 ♗ -0.81/22]

□ **Burnett,Ronald**

A54

2437

■ **Nguyen,Anh Dung**

2496

Budapest FS02 GM (11)

15.02.2000

[Avrukh,Boris, MH]

A54: Old Indian Defence with Nf3, but without e4

1.d4 Finkel,A

[1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Be6!↑ 1-0 Torre,E-Fedorowicz,J/San Francisco 1991 (22) 6.d4?! exd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Re1 Bf8± Olafsson,H-Jonasson,B/ISL-ch 1996/1-0 (44) 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 c5 15.dxc6 Bxc6 16.e3]

1...Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6

[3...e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1 0-1 (44) Gukesh,D (2736)-Pranav,V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.15)]

4.g3N

[4.d5 Ne5 5.Nxe5 dxe5 6.Nc3 e6

7.e4 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 h6
 10.Be3 exd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.dxc6
 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 bxc6 14.f3 Be6
 15.Rac1 a5 16.b3 Rfd8 17.Rxd8+
 Rxd8 18.Na4 Ne8 1-0 (49)
Cirrincone,G-2.c3 e6 3. ♘f3 Espana
55/4 1992 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Na4 Bb7
 21.Kf2 f6 22.Bc5 Kf8 23.Bxe7+
 Kxe7 24.Ke3 Nd6 25.Nb6 Rb8
 26.Rc5 Ba8 27.Rxa5 Rxb6 28.Rxa8
 Rb7 29.Bd3 Kd7 30.Kd2 Kc7
 31.Kc3 Rb8 32.Ra7+ Rb7 33.Ra5
 Kb6 1-0 (49) Cirrincone,G-2.c3 e6 3.
♘f3 Espana 55/4 1992 34.Ra6+ Kc7
 35.b4 Nc8 36.a4 Ra7 37.Rxa7+
 Nxa7 38.b5 cxb5 39.Bxb5 Nc8
 40.Kc4 Kd6 41.Ba6 Na7 42.Bb7
 Kc7 43.Ba8 Kd6 44.h4 g6 45.a5
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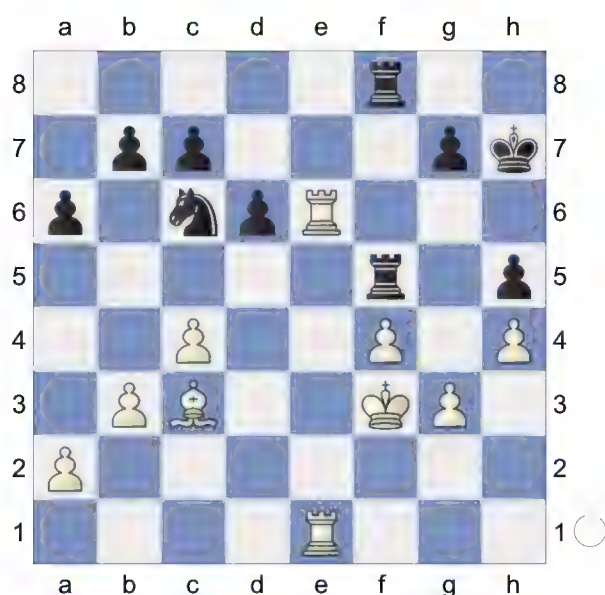
4...e5 5.Bg2 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nc3
Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Rb8

[9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4

A) 10...Bc6 11.e4 Nd7 12.Nd5
 0.16/21 (12.Qd2± 0.60/24)
 12...Bf6!= and white still have to
 work hard to win the game.
 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6

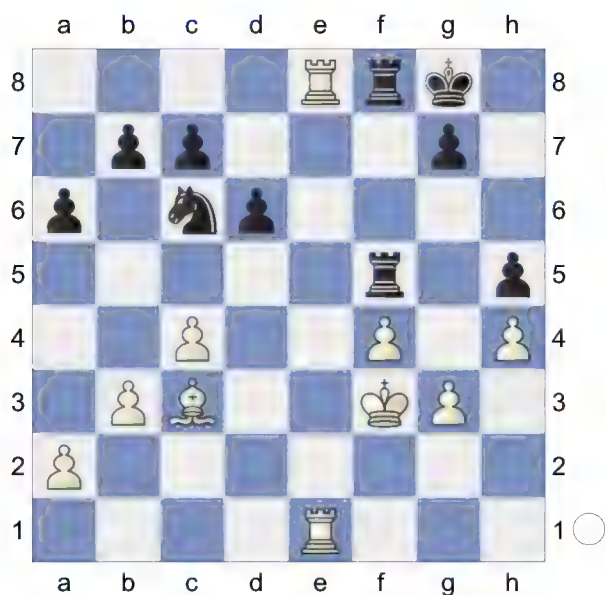
A1) 14.Qxf6!+- Nxf6 15.f3 a5
 16.Be3! b6 17.a3 Nd7 18.Rac1
 Rfe8 19.g4 Nc5 20.Rc3+- Nd7
 21.Kf2+- Nc5 22.h4 Nd7 23.g5
 Nc5 24.Re1 Re7 25.Bc1 Rae8
 26.Rce3 Ne6 27.Bb2 Nf4±
 Tolstikh,N-Michalek,J/Pardubice
 op 1995 (31) 28.Bf1!? Ng6
 29.Kg3! Ne5 30.Bc3 Nd7
 31.Bh3 Ne5 32.Bf1 Nd7 0.87/18
 (32...f6± 0.50/20 deserves
 consideration.) 33.Bd4?! Ne5±
 Tkachiev,V-Cherniaev,A/Biel op
 1994/1-0 (68) 34.b4!? axb4

35.axb4 Nd7 1.94/20 (35...Bd7±
 0.74/20 is a better defense.)
 36.Ra1+- Rb8 37.Ra7 Nf8
 2.00/21 (37...Bb7± 1.40/21
 38.Rea3 f6) 38.Rea3+- Ne6
 39.Bb2 Ree8 2.46/20
 (♱39...Kf8 1.86/17 40.Bc3
 Ree8) 40.Bh3+- Hoping for
 Bxe6. Bb7 41.f4 Nd8 42.e5±
 Malakhov,V-Karasev,V/St.
 Petersburg op 1994/1-0 (64)
 dxe5 43.Bxe5 Re7 4.03/19
 (43...Nc6 2.62/19 was called for.
 44.Bxc7 Nxa7 45.Rxa7 h6
 46.Bxb8 Rxb8) 44.b5+- Ne6
 6.03/21 (♱44...h6 3.86/20 45.c5
 bxc5) 45.Rxb7;
A2) 14.Bb2 Qxd4 15.Bxd4 f5
 16.exf5 aiming for Rfe1. Bxg2±
 17.Kxg2 And now g4 would win.
 Rxf5 18.Rfe1 Rf7 19.Re2 a6!?
 20.Rae1 Raf8+- 21.f4 Nb8
 22.h4 Nc6 23.Bc3 Rf5 24.Kf3
 h5 25.Re6 Kh7± 0.93/19
 (25...d5!= 0.27/21
 remains equal.)



26.Re8 0.37/25 (26.b4!± 0.93/19)
 26...Kg8 1.42/20 (26...Ne5±

0.37/25 27.Ke4 Nd7)



27.R1e6!± Rxe8!± 2.19/19
(27...b5± 1.36/23) 28.Rxe8++-
Rf8 29.Rxf8+ (29.Re6? 0.19/23
29.Rxf8+ 2.31) 29...Kxf8;

B) 10...Bc6± 0.65/20;

C) 10...c5 1.15/22 11.Qd3± Bc6
12.Rd1 Bxg2 1.58/21
(Black should try 12...Qd7 1.09/19
13.Bb2 h5) 13.Kxg2± Qd7
More persistent was 14.Bf4! Rfd8
1.95/21 (14...Rad8± 1.53/19
was worth a try. 15.a4 Qe6)
15.e4]

10.Bb2! White is more active. **10...a6**
11.Nc2 White is better.

[11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxc6 0.30/18
(12.e4± 0.90/22) 12...bxc6]

11...b5 12.cxb5 axb5 This variation is
considered to lead to the advantage of
white and the move in the game doesn't
change it. **13.Ne3 Ne5?! 14.Ned5**
0.07/20

[Better is 14.Qc2± 0.79/21]

14...c6 1.34/24

[14...b4= 0.07/20 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7]

15.Nxe7+ 0.34/15

[15.Nxf6+± 1.34/24 gxf6 16.e4]

15...Qxe7± 16.Qd2

[16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 -0.21/18
(17.Ba3! 0.18/18 was preferable. c5
18.bxa4)]

16...Rfe8?

[16...b4 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 d5
0.56/21 (18...c5= 0.19/20
feels stronger.) 19.Bg2± Strongly
threatening a4. Rfd8]

17.Ba3!↑ -2.76/22 Using the weakness
of square c6 and the threats to black
king white get big opening advantage
after this small combination.

[17.a4 -0.35/20 17.Nd1 0.37 bxa4
18.bxa4? -2.77/19 (18.Rxa4±
-0.40/22 Rxb3 19.Ne4) 18...Nc4?!]

[17.Rfd1! d5 18.Rac1 Bg4]
[17.Nd1= 0.28/21 and White is okay.]

17...c5□ -0.06/21

[17...b4]

[17...b4+- -2.76/22 18.Bb2 bxc3
19.Qxc3 c5]

18.Rfd1? -2.56/20

[18.Bb2= -0.06/21]

18...Rb6? -0.03/23

[18...b4?! Looking for a
problems:much simpler was to win
without this sacrifice.]

[18...b4+- -2.56/20 19.Bb2 bxc3
20.Bxc3 Bb5]

19.Bb2= h5 20.Nd5 Black can't protect
the pawn on b3. **20...Nxd5 21.Bxd5**
This pair of bishops is nice. **21...Bh3**
0.76/21

[21...Bc6]

[21...b4= 0.00/24 keeps the balance.]

22.Re1 -0.01/24

[22.a4± 0.76/21]

22...b4 23.Rac1 Ra6 24.Ba1 Kf8

[24...h4]

25.f4 Ng4 26.e4 f6 1.21/18

[26...Qa7 0.70/20 26...Nf6 -0.21]

[26...Kg8]

[26...Ra3= 0.06/19]
27.Bc4 Ra5 2.29/18 Blundering another pawn and making white's task much easier.

[27...Ra3 2.38/19 27...Ra7 1.16]
 [27...Ra7± 0.94/21 might work better.]

28.a4!+-

[28.Qd5 Nh6±]

28...g6 3.40/19

[Δ28...Raa8 2.23/22 29.Rcd1
 (29.Qd5 Nh6±) 29...Red8]

29.Rcd1 Rd8 5.07/21

[Δ29...Raa8 3.18/18 30.Qd5
 (30.Qxd6 Qxd6 31.Rxd6 Rad8+-)
 30...Kg7]

30.Qd5 Kg7 31.e5 fxe5 32.fxe5 Kh6

33.exd6 Discovered Attack **33...Qf8**

34.Qd2+ g5 35.Re6+ Kh7 36.Qc2+

Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/
 Black=0.84

1-0

□ **Karpov, Anatoly**

■ **Chevallier, Didier**

Game 41 France

1993

[J Schuyler, MH]

A50

Black loses because he's playing Karpov.

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8

15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E
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 615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6
 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5
 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0
 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3
 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3
 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5
 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

**4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.f3
 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Qd2 -0.07/26**

[Better is 9.h4± 0.55/20]

9...Nd7 10.h4 h6 The position is equal.

11.g3 b6 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 Qd7

There is nothing wrong with this move;

[but 13...f5 0.26/22 13...Nf8 -0.12
 can be played, and so I believe it
 should be played.]

14.Rb1 a5 0.28/23

[14...Qd8 -0.18/21 was preferable.]

**15.f4?! In his annotations, Palliser gives
 this an '!' and indicates that it is the
 beginning of the end for Chevallier.**

15...exf4 16.gxf4 Qe7?! 0.64/21

After this Black is a little worse.

[Meanwhile, should Black find 16...h5!
 , he is a little better! In one stroke,
 Black stabilizes his knight, clamps
 down on White's weak g4-square,
 and immobilizes White's isolated h-
 pawn. Of course, with a small edge (or
 even a small disadvantage) Karpov
 will probably win – he does outrate
 Chevallier by 430 points.]

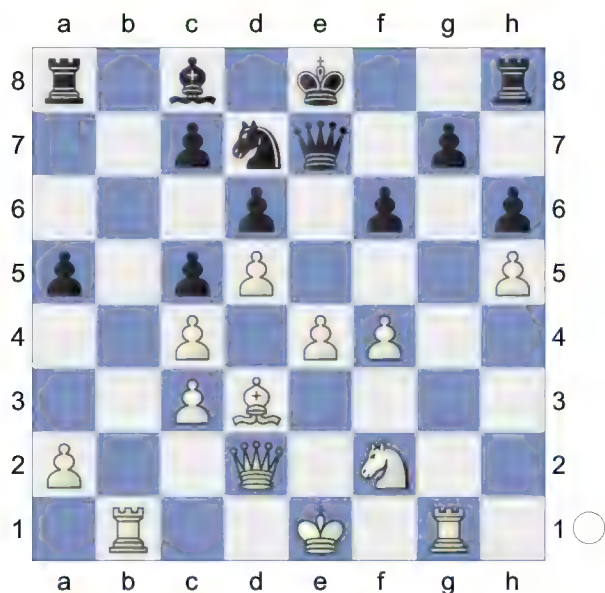
[16...h5!= 0.00/23]

17.Bxc5!± bxc5

[17...Nxb4 18.Rxb4 Qxb4 19.Bd4±]

18.h5 Nf8

[Much worse is 18...Nh4 19.Qe3=]
19.Rg1 f6 20.Bd3 Black is weak on the
 light squares **20...Nd7 1.23/22**
 [Black should try 20...Nh7 0.73/21]



21.Qe2 0.73/19 White is much more
 active.

[21.Qe3! 1.23/22]
21...Ba6? 2.29/21 Black's situation will
 not improve with his king in the centre.
 For better or for worse, he must castle
 and try for ...f6-f5. This costs Black the
 game.

[21...Rb8± 0.73/19]
22.Ng4 Hoping for Ne3. **22...Nb6**
3.15/19

[22...f5 1.77/19]
23.Ne3+- Bc8 24.Qg2 Rg8 25.Qg6+
Kd8?!

[**25...Kf8**]
26.Kd2 Bd7 27.Qh7 Against **Kc8**
27...Qf8 28.Rg2 2.38/19

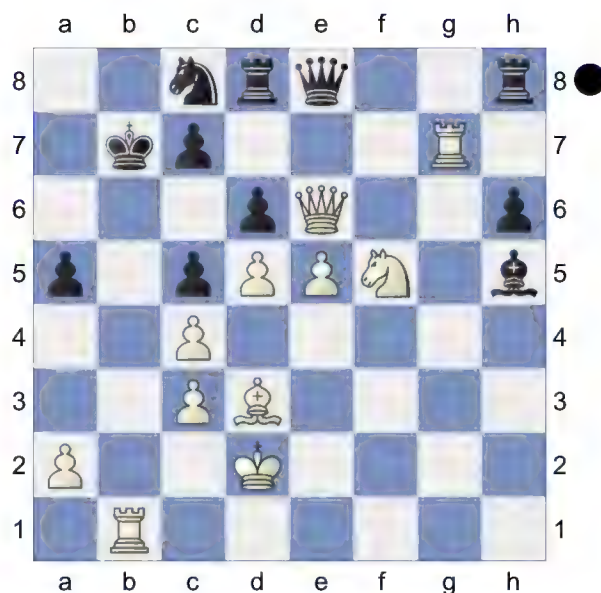
[28.e5 3.99/20 dxe5 29.fxe5]
28...Kc8 29.Rbg1 Kb7 3.55/20

[29...Qe8 2.38/20 is a better defense.
 30.Rxg7 Rxg7 31.Qxg7 Qxh5
 32.Qxf6 Qh2+ 33.Rg2 Qh1]
30.Rxg7 Rh8 31.Qg6 Be8 32.Qf5

Rd8 33.Qe6 Rg8 is the strong threat.
33...Bxh5 34.Nf5 Nc8? 5.95/20

[34...Kb8 3.54/20 was necessary.
 35.Ne7 Kb7]

35.e5 White is clearly winning. **35...fxe5**
36.fxe5 Qe8 37.Rb1+



Deflection 37...Ka8 38.Rxc7 Qxe6
39.dxe6 dxe5 40.Rxc5 e4 41.Nd4
Rxd4 42.cxd4 exd3 43.Rxh5

. Overall, an impressive game by Karpov,
 but not one that casts any doubt on
 Black's opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24
 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

A50

□ **White Counters Dynamically**

■ **E: 5 e4 Ng6 6 h4**

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:
Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7
cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5
4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.h4 Having decided to target the g6-knight, White reasons that there isn't any need to also restrict it with g3. However, it's not clear that opting instead for e4 is so useful as Black can once more gain counterplay along the a7-g1 diagonal.

6...h5

[Again this is essential; Bologan's **6...Bb4?** 7.h5 Ne7 **1.67/22** (7...Nf8± **1.18/21**) 8.h6!+- g6 9.Qf3 Nfg8 **2.88/21** (9...Neg8± **1.47/16** 10.Be2 d6) 10.Bg5 pretty much refutes the whole concept of allowing the h-pawn to advance.]

[It might seem better to simply capture the pawn once it reaches h6, but even that is far from the solution to Black's problems. In Blokh-Vlassov, correspondence 1992 Black did just that, and **6...Bc5?** 7.h5 Nf8 8.h6! gxh6!? 9.Bxh6 **0.58/21** (9.Qa4± **1.11/20**) 9...Rg8 **0.96/22** didn't appear so bad for him as he was quite active. However, with some

active moves White neutralised Black's play and was left in control after (9...d6± **0.58/21**) 10.Nh3! **0.24/22** (White should play 10.f3!± **0.96/22**) 10...Ng4 11.Bd2 d6 12.Qe2! intending 13 0-0-0 and then to push Black backwards, beginning with f3, and meeting f5 **0.90/21** with (12...h5± **0.54/20**) 13.g3 .]

7.Bg5

[Immediately pinning is the most natural idea, although **7.g3!?** **0.36/21** 7.f3 0.90 , which is rather similar to Line A, has also been seen. However, it's not clear that g3 and e4 work so well together. Now Bc5 8.Bd3 (Black has prepared to meet 8.Bg5 with c6!) 8...a6 9.Qe2 d6 10.Bg5 c6! 11.a3 Ne7! (not fearing the doubled pawns as then ...f5 would increase the pressure on White's centre) 12.Rc1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Kf1 Ng4! 15.Nh3! Qb6 16.Nd1 f6 17.Bd2 f5 gave Black good counterplay in Milov-Ramesh, Biel 2001.]

7...Bc5!

[Having decided that he can activate his bishop in this instance, Black must still be quite accurate. Instead **7...Bb4?!** **1.09/20** 7...Bc5 0.71 8.Rc1! a5?! 9.Be2! simply targeted the weak h5-pawn and left White much better in Chetverik-Reiss, Budapest 2002.]

8.Be2 This was critical when Orlov wrote back in 1998, but has surprisingly not been tested again since then. However, White doesn't have to be quite so direct and can instead develop in some other ways:

[a] **8.Nge2** c6 ...Qb6 would now be deadly. 9.Nc1!? **0.39/21** intends to neutralise ...Qb6 by bolstering f2 and

has scored well in practice. Probably Black should immediately aim to disrupt White's structure with (9.Qc2± 0.75/18) 9...Bd4!? when 10.Nb3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 d6 saw Black intending to meet 12.Be2 with 12...Nf4 and also threatening to seal the queenside with ...c5 in Stuart-Simmelinck, correspondence 1994. Thus there followed the dangerous-looking 12.c5!? -0.25/19, but after (White should try 12.Be2± 0.52/21) 12...dxc5 0.12/17 (Δ12...cxd5 -0.25/19 13.Bxf6 Qxf6) 13.dxc6= Qc7! 0.66/22 (13...b6!= 0.28/20) 14.cxb7± Bxb7 15.Bxf6 0.24/19 (15.Nd2!± 0.66/20 deserves consideration.) 15...gxf6= it wasn't easy for White to defend e4. In the game 16.Qf3 (16.Bd3? -3.81/17 16.Qf3 0.36 runs into c4) 16...Qc6 0.51/20 (16...Rd8= 0.09/20 was preferable.) 17.Rd1 -0.37/20 (17.Nd2!± 0.51/20) 17...Nf4 kept up the pressure and left Black fine in an unclear position.]

[b] 8.g3!? d6 9.Bh3 (Tomescu-lordachescu, Bucharest 1993) was rather similar to Gual Pascual-Yermolinsky in that Black should have gained counterplay with

A) _____ in a short but pretty good introductory set of articles on the Tango for www.jeremysilman.com, Joel Benjamin also examined this position and his 9...Ne7!? 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qd3 -0.06/18 (11.Qf3± 0.31/21) 11...Bxh3, intending to castle long, also seems quite playable for Black;

B) 9...Bxh3 10.Nxh3 Bd4! . Having marginalized White's kingside knight, Black intends to

break the pin with ...Qd7 and to exchange off the dark-squared bishop if necessary.]

[c] 8.Nh3?! 0.25/18 8.Qd2 0.73 is a little indecisive as White cannot have both the bishop and the knight on g5! Indeed d6 9.Be2 Bg4! (reducing the pressure against h5) 10.a3 -0.15/20 (Δ10.Qd2 0.25/20) 10...Bxe2 0.51/22 (Better is 10...Bd4= -0.15/20) 11.Qxe2 a6 12.g3 Qe7 0.83/20 saw White attempt to improve the knight in Durao-Baptista, Lisbon 2002 with (12...Bd4= 0.28/18) 13.Ng1!? 0.36/25 However, then the instructive (13.0-0± 0.83/20) 13...Nf8! 14.Nf3 N8h7 broke the pin and left the position fairly equal after 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Ng4 17.Qd3 Nhf6 0.57/22. (17...f5= 0.19/22)]

8...c6! White is slightly better. **9.Nh3?! -0.15/18**

[Prophylactically covering f2 so that 9...Qb6 isn't a threat. However, now the knight isn't well placed on h3 and so White should have preferred **9.Nf3** followed by 0-0 as then Qb6 0.98/19 could be met by (9...d6± 0.61/17 might be stronger.) 10.Na4! 0.58/16. (10.Kf1± 0.98/19)]

[Capturing on h5 is impossible: **9.Bxh5?** -1.60/18 9.Kf1 0.82 Rxb5! 10.Bxf6?? -3.46/20 (10.Qxh5 has to be played, although then Nxb5 11.Bxd8 Kxd8 is very pleasant for Black with two pieces and lots of dark squares against a rook and pawn; 10.d6 -1.74/19 was called for.) 10...Qxf6+ 11.Qxh5 Qxf2+ . Here Orlov thought that Black has fair compensation, but he had clearly missed the strength of the capture on b2. Indeed 12.Kd1 Qxb2 13.Rc1

Be3 is devastating as then 14.Rc2 Qa1+ 15.Ke2 Nf4+ picks up White's errant queen.]

[9.Kf1± 0.85/20]

9...d6= 10.Qd2

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10.Bxh5?! -2.72/25

10.g3 0.13 remains critical, although Black has Rxh5! (Berdichevsky has analysed 10...Bxh3? -0.22/17

10...Rxh5 -2.58 11.Bxg6! Bxg2 12.Rh2 fxc6 13.Rxg2, which he assesses as unclear; White may actually be slightly better, but this is academic) 11.Qxh5 (forced as 11.Bxf6? Qxf6 12.Qxh5 Bxh3!

wins as Black threatens to capture on f2; castling either side doesn't save White partly due to his dangerously offside queen) 11...Nxe5 12.Bxd8 Kxd8, which is just like 9 Bxh5 Rxh5! 10 Qxh5 Nxe5 11 Bxd8 Kxd8 – again Black should be happy to fight with his bishop pair against White's rook and pawn.]

10...Bd4! A key motif.

11.f3

[By attacking c3 Black prevented 11.0-0-0 (due to Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Nxe4!) and forces White to further weaken his dark squares.]

11...a5 12.0-0-0 -0.75/20

[12.Nf2= -0.18/18 keeps the balance.]

12...Qb6 Black is better. 13.Na4



Qa7 14.Kb1 -- -0.27/20

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

[Black has played very powerfully and well thus far on the dark squares. In Martinez Martin-Berescu, Minorca 1996, 14...Bd7?! allowed White back into the game with 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.c5! .]

[However, instead 14...cxd5! -0.33/23 14...Bd7 -0.83

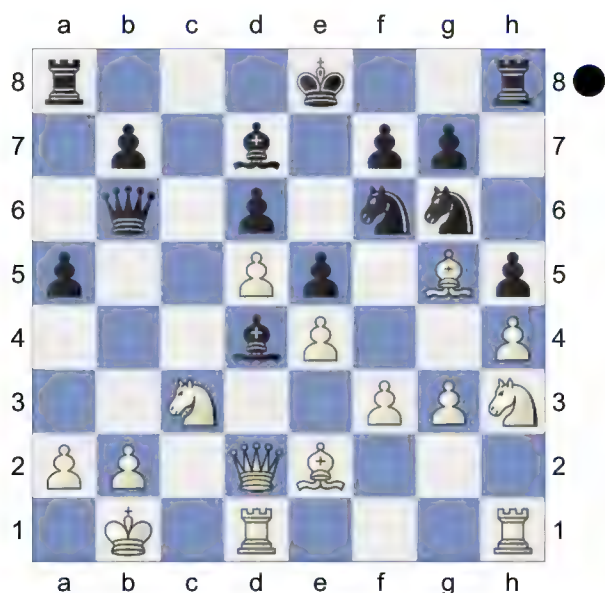
A) 15.exd5!? Bd7 0.31/19 (15...b5!± -0.54/19 16.cxb5 Nxd5)

16.Nc3± Qb6 0.57/16 – Orlov – also keeps up the pressure and still intends ...a5-a4, but White probably shouldn't open the c-file (16...a4= 0.21/20 should be considered.);

B) 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Nc3 Qb6 -0.32/22 (Orlov) would have maintained Black's advantage.

White lacks counterplay, but must try and find a way to defend.

Against Nb5 (16...0-0! -0.69/22
is more appropriate.) 17.g3?!
-1.53/18 (17.Qd3! ̄ -0.32/22)



hopes to get in f4 and could just be met by 17...a4, but even stronger is 17...Nh7! ̄ to eliminate the dark-squared bishop (note how for once White has been trying to avoid having to exchange on f6) when. Threatens to win with ...Rc8. 18.f4 -1.95/24 (18.Qc2 ̄ -1.51/22) 18...Nxc5+ 19.hxc5 -3.18/22 (19.Nxc5 -1.92/19 keeps fighting. Rc8 20.Ka1) 19...Rc8+ is very awkward for White. The c3-knight cannot be defended by 20.Rc1 (neither does 20.Ka1 save White due to a4! when. Hoping for ...a3! 21.a3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qb3 is devastating) due to 20...Be3 .]

[14...Nh7 ̄ -0.89/20 15.f4 Nxc5 16.hxc5 Bxh3 Remove Defender 17.Rxh3 Nxf4]

White Counters Dynamically

■ C: 5 g3 Ng6 6 Bg2

[R Palliser,MH]

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A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc6 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.g3 Ng6

[The most flexible and probably also the best way to fianchetto. White delays playing either Nf3 or e4, awaiting Black's plans and thus reserving the option to develop with e3 and Nge2. Black can still gain good counterplay even after that as Christiansen has shown, but some may also wish to consider meeting 5 g3 with 5...d6!? when White is forced into a Fianchetto King's Indian with which he may not be too familiar.]

6.Bg2 0.21/22

[6.h4± 0.96/19]

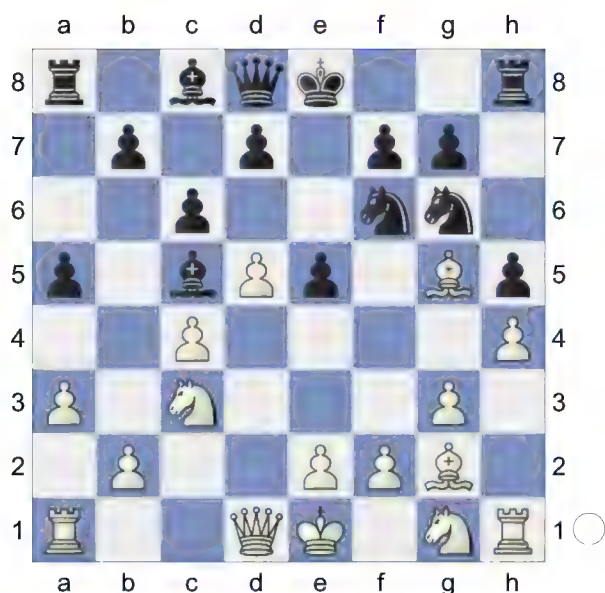
6...Bb4!?=

[Yermolinsky has been successful with this, but some players don't like to concede their bishop so easily and actually here 6...Bc5 0.62/22 6...Bb4 0.18 is the most popular continuation. Now:

A) 7.Nf3 transposes to Line B.;

B) 7.a3 a5 (7...d6 8.Na4! hunted down the bishop and forced a structural weakness to boot in Georges-Boog, Swiss Team Ch. 1993) , and now Forintos-Quigley, London 1978 saw White continue with a typical thrust after the fianchetto, namely 8.h4!? -0.55/21 . Now Black should prevent the h-pawn from causing too much damage with (8.Na4= 0.29/23 Ba7 9.d6)

B1) whereas 8...h5?! 0.84/21 8...h6 -0.43 9.Bg5! c6?! 2.08/18 (9...d6± 0.90/19)



10.e3!+- cxd5 11.Bxd5 1.11/19 (11.Nxd5+- 2.03/21 Threatens to win with Ne2. a4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne2) 11...Ne7± 12.Bxf6 gxf6

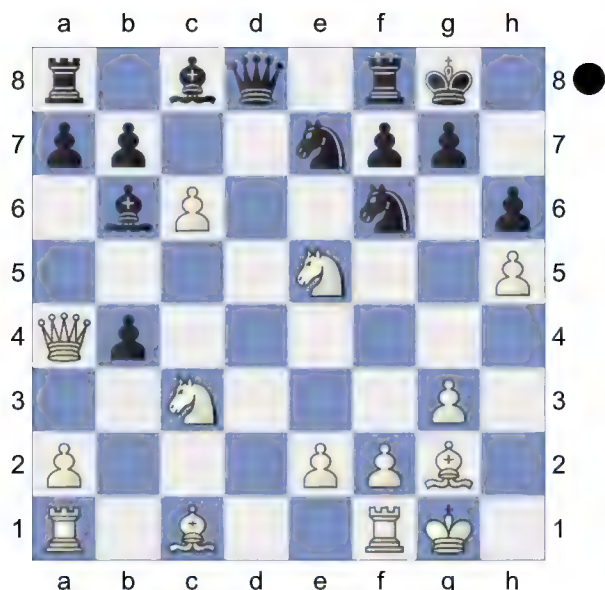
13.Bf3 0.96/21 (13.Nge2 1.32/20) 13...Nf5 2.06/21 (13...d6± 0.96/21 was worth a try.) 14.Nd5 was already horrendous for Black in the game.;

B2) 8...h6! ,;

C) Krasenkow-Vlassov, St Petersburg 1994 demonstrated the correct antidote to an immediate 7.h4?! after h6! 8.h5 Ne7 9.Nf3 d6 , when it wasn't fully clear what the advance of the h-pawn had actually achieved. The knight was now well placed on e7 to support ... c6, whilst Black also threatened to simply pick up the h-pawn with ... Bg4. Krasenkow thus decided that he had to quickly sharpen the struggle, although after 10.b4 Bb6! 11.c5!? dxc5 12.Nxe5 -1.50/19 (White must play 12.bxc5± -0.43/19 Bxc5 13.Nxe5) 12...cxb4± 13.Qa4+ , c6! was a strong riposte. Following 14.dxc6 0-0! 15.0-0 (15.cxb7? -3.07/21 15.Qxb4 -1.30 reveals the tactical point behind 13...c6!: Bxb7 16.Bxb7 Strongly threatening Nd1. Qc7! forks three pieces and, as ... Qxc3+ must be prevented, the b7-bishop will drop off when White will be struggling)

(Diagram)

15...Nxc6 -0.50/17 (15...Qd4!± -1.60/20 16.Nd3 bxc3 Discovered Attack 17.Qxd4 Bxd4 18.cxb7 Bxb7 19.Bxb7 Rab8) 16.Nxc6± bxc6 17.Qxb4 Nxh5 Black had emerged a pawn ahead. White's bishops are set to exert strong



pressure from g2 and a3, but Black has good chances of a kingside attack.

It is clear that the whole h4 plan appears rather misguided. The g6-knight has already been sidelined by g3, preventing its hopping forwards, and h4-h5 only serves to kick it back into play. Black had emerged a pawn ahead. White's bishops are set to exert strong pressure from g2 and a3, but Black has good chances of a kingside attack. It is clear that the whole h4 plan appears rather misguided. The g6-knight has already been sidelined by g3, preventing its hopping forwards, and h4-h5 only serves to kick it back into play.;

D) 7.e3 0.01/20 7.Na4 0.69 aims to blunt the bishop. Play continues 0-0 8.Nge2 and now:

D1) 8...a6 (preparing a retreat square and also possibly intending to hold White up on the queenside with ...b5) 9.0-0 d6

D1a) Benjamin has suggested that the bishop might be better

placed on b2, although 10.a3!? Bd7 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 -0.36/19 (12.h3= 0.15/18) 12...b5!? 13.Qd3 Rb8 still holds White up on the queenside, whilst Black could also choose 12...Qe7, 13...Ne8 and then ...f5;

D1b) 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Rb1 -0.53/22 (11.Nc1= -0.12/20) 11...b5! 12.b4 Bb6 successfully held up White on the queenside in Zhu Chen-Christiansen, Seattle 2001, as we saw in the Introduction.;

D2) Black can also opt for 8...d6, when

D2a) instead 9.Bd2 a5 10.Qc2 Bd7 11.h3 c6! saw Black getting in the key break and 12.Qd3 -0.69/20 (12.dxc6= -0.27/18 bxc6 13.b3) 12...Ne7 -0.31/23 (12...Rb8 -0.69/20) 13.0-0 cxd5 14.cxd5 b5 15.e4 -1.24/20 (15.Nxb5 15...Qb6 -0.57/19 gave him good play on the queenside in Ionov-Vlassov, St Petersburg 1994 (15...b4 16.Nd1 Rb8);

D2b) 9.h3= 0.06/22;

D2c) 9.Na4 -0.32/21 9...Bb4+ 10.Kf1 -0.69/20 doesn't fully convince here; the bishop prevents the king from coming to g2, whilst Black wants to play ...c6 in any case. (10.Bd2= -0.16/21 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2);

D3) 8...d6= 0.00/22 deserves consideration.;

D4) 8...-- 0.43/21;

E) 7.Na4± 0.62/22 Be7 8.h4;

F) 7.-- 0.07/20]

7.Qc2

[Preventing the doubled pawns, but White can also do that with **7.Qb3** when Qe7 0.70/22 and now: (7...a5= 0.22/21)

A) 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.e4 d6 11.Ne2 c6! (Yermolinsky) and Black should gain counterplay down the c-file unless White prefers 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 . Then a5!? , challenging White on the queenside, should be fine for Black, who hopes to bring the g6-knight to e6. The move ...Bg4, forcing f3, is also a useful option – after ...Be6 the ...d5 break is on the cards.;

B) 8.Bg5 0.31/22 8.a3 0.72 a5! (taking some useful space and defending the bishop) 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 d6! should be fine for Black as

B1) Black intends to meet 11.Qf3 -0.12/23 11.Bxf6 0.43 with e4! 0.25/21 , and he also hopes to get in ...a4 and ...b6 to clamp White's queenside (11...a4 -0.12/23);

B2) 11.Bxf6!? Qxf6 12.c5 shouldn't be a problem as after 0-0 Black will be the first to take the c-file following 13 cxd6 cxd6. Otherwise White must watch out for ...e4, such as after 13.Nf3 dxc5!? 14.Qxc5 Bf5 .;

C) 8.--]

[The simple **7.Bd2** is also possible, but appears rather unthreatening. Then 0-0 8.e3 d6 9.Nge2 a5! 10.0-0 (Black has gained some useful queenside space and prepared to

frustrate White's plan to recapture on c3 with the knight by meeting 10.a3 with Bc5!? ; probably White should still have played that as now Black quickly gains a pretty pleasant position) 10...Nd7 0.33/21 (10...Bc5= -0.04/19) 11.e4 Nc5 12.Be3 (12.a3?! is impossible due to Bxc3 13.Nxc3 a4! , clamping the queenside; then Black's knight can exploit the b3-square, whilst White will also lack any queenside play as Black presses ahead on the kingside with ...f5) 12...f5 13.exf5! Bxf5 and Black already had a strong and active position, with the knight set to hop into d3, in Savchenko-Yermolinsky, World Open 1991.]

7...0-0 8.Bd2?!

[Losing too much time. White had to be consistent with **8.a3** Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 d6 , although then it's not easy for him to develop: 10.e4 (10.Nf3 -0.19/20 10.e4 0.24 allows Ne4! and ...f5) 10...a5 11.b3 -0.14/21 (White should try 11.Ne2± 0.36/20) 11...c6! grants Black reasonable play, such as 12.Ne2 cxd5

A) or 13.exd5!? Nd7 0.68/19 and ...f5 (13...a4= -0.13/17);

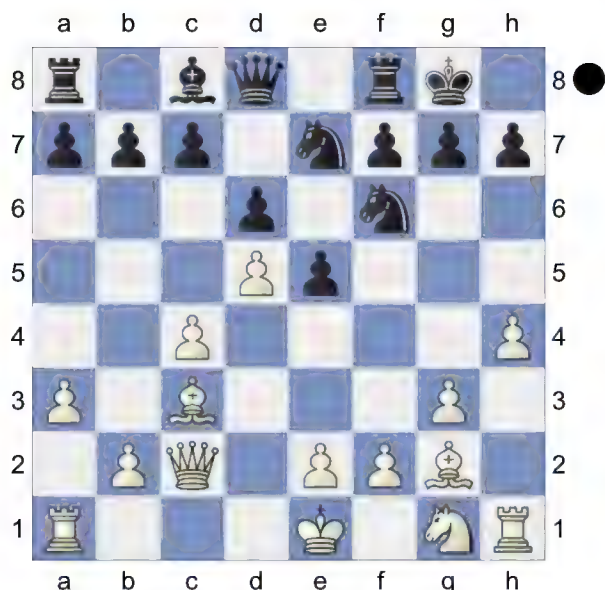
B) 13.cxd5 a4! 0.58/20 (Orlov) – an instructive idea, preparing to take over the queenside with (13...Ne8= -0.08/19) 14.b4 -0.31/20 (14.0-0± 0.58/20) 14...Bd7 0.22/21 , intending ...Bb5 and ...Rc8. (Better is 14...Ne8± -0.31/20)]

8...d6 9.h4?! -0.44/20

[White should play 9.Nf3= 0.13/21]

9...Ne7 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3

(Diagram)



We are following Giorgadze-Yermolinsky, World Open 1991. White had played rather optimistically thus far, but was probably hoping to be able to attack on the kingside after 0-0-0. However, Yermolinsky now instructively countered with **11...b5!**, dashing White's hopes and giving Black an improved Benko. After. Deflection **12.cxb5**

[or **12.b3** bxc4 13.bxc4 Nd7 0.29/18 and ...f5 (13...c6 $\bar{f}$ -0.46/20)]
12...Nfxd5 13.Nf3 Ng5 is the strong threat. **13...Nxc3** 0.02/24
 [13...h6 $\bar{f}$ -0.46/20]

14.Qxc3 aiming for Nxe5! **14...Rb8 15.a4 a6!** Black is better.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.10 (very precise)

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 [R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3

[Another 'solid' way of handling the position as White is 5.g3 and after Ng6 6.Bg2 Bb4 (my personal preference, although another reasonable approach is 6...Bc5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 a6! , wisely giving the bishop a retreat square before playing .. d6 following 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Nd2 , as in Bagaturov-Lonnoy, La Fere 2006, Black should probably look after his queen with Qe7 when 14.e4 d6 15.Rc1 f5 supplies reasonable counterplay) 7.Bd2 (7.Qc2 0-0 8.e4 d6 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bd2 a6 11.0-0-0!? Bd7 12.h4 b5 13.h5 Ne7 14.f3 c6! gave Black good counterplay in Agasieva-Khaziyeva, Turin 2006 castling queenside seems to rarely work out well for White in these 3 Nc3

lines) 7...a5 (a prudent method to keep the dark-squared bishop) 8.a3 Bc5 9.h4!? h6 10.e4 d6 11.h5 Ne7 12.b4 Ba7 (the Tango often provokes White into an early advance on one flank or the other, if rarely both at first White's position may appear quite impressive here, but in reality it is overextended and Black has no difficulties in generating effective counterplay) 13.Bf3 Bd7 14.Nge2 0-0 15.Qc1 Bg4! 16.Bg2 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 c6! 18.bxa5 cxd5 19.cxd5 Qxa5 Black had thematically seized the upper hand in Nguyen Ngoc Truongson-Ranola, Singapore 2006.]

5...Ng6 6.h4!? Black must now prevent h5.

[The most challenging response. Instead 6.e4 -0.11/22 6.h4 0.99 Bc5 is rather easy for Black for example, 7.h3 Dodge Ng4 d6 8.Bd2 a6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nh5! 11.Re1 -0.46/22 (11.Bg5= -0.10/22 Qd7 12.Ne2) 11...Nhf4 0.00/17 already saw Black gaining the initiative on the kingside in Fraggoulis-Spirou, Ermioni 2006. (11...Ngf4 -0.46/22 12.Bf1 Ng6)]

6...h5!

[Prudent. The alternatives are certainly rather risky for instance, 6...Bc5?! 1.97/19 6...h5 1.08 7.h5 Ng4 8.Ne4 Bb4+ was Kantorik-Frink, Tatranske Zruby 2006, and now White's simplest route to the advantage is probably 9.Bd2!? Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 f5 11.hxg6 fxe4 12.Rxh7 Rg8 2.35/19 (12...Rf8± 1.42/20) 13.Nh2? 0.46/21 . (13.d6!+- 2.35/19 exf3 14.Qd5)]

7.g3!?

[A novelty, but probably not one that

was prepared in advance. Indeed I suspect that Von Herman was already making it up by this stage - the Tango certainly remains a good surprise weapon! A more critical approach is 7.Bg5 - see my Tango book for details.]

7...Bc5

[A natural move, but as White is planning to pin with Bg5 I'm not sure that this is best. One tempting way to exploit White's last is 7...Ng4!? 1.42/19 7...Bb4 0.79]

[and Black's position also seems quite reasonable after 7...Bb4 8.Bg5 0.30/19 (8.Qb3± 0.84/20 a5 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3) 8...0-0 1.17/21 . (8...Bxc3+= 0.30/19 9.bxc3 d6)]

8.Bg5 White is better. 8...e4?! 1.69/20

[Another tempting move, but despite Hausrath's rapid victory, I'm not convinced. Instead 8...d6 9.Nd2 0.44/21 (9.Bg2± 1.02/19) 9...Bb6! 0.91/19 (9...Bxf2+± 0.44/21 feels stronger. 10.Kxf2 Ng4+ 11.Ke1 f6) 10.e3± (10.Nde4 0.40/17 10.e3 1.05 allows Black to simplify with the neat Nxe4! 11.Nxe4 f6) 10...Nf8 1.32/20 (Black should play 10...Bg4 0.93/23 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qd7) 11.Nde4 0.60/18 (11.Bd3± 1.32/20) 11...N8h7 looks rather unclear and would have been a fairly normal way of untangling the black pieces.]

[8...d6± 0.90/20]

9.Nd4!+-

[Critical. No doubt Hausrath was hoping for 9.Nd2 0.33/17 9.Nd4 1.63 when the thematic e3! 10.fxe3 Nde4 would now be deadly. Be7! , followed by .. Ng4 and ...d6, is an strong pawn sacrifice to shred

White's structure.]

9...Ne5 2.31/17

[Δ 9...Qe7 1.66/19 10.Bg2 Qe5]

10.Bg2 Nxc4? 3.64/21

[This and Black's last are certainly risky, but also the only real way of gaining counterplay. Instead 10...0-0?! 11.Nxe4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Be7 13.Nf5 would simply have left Black a pawn down for very little.]

[10...Bb4 2.12/18 11.Qb3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 d6]

11.Nf5?! 1.29/20

[Now it's White's turn to become too ambitious. In how many other openings could two 2350+ players reach such a fascinating and uncharted position so quickly? A much stronger option was 11.Nxe4! when Black appears to be in some trouble, not least because Nxb2?! (

Black probably has to grovel with 11...Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nd6 which is far from appetising after an exchange on f6) 12.Qd2 Nxe4 (or 12...Nc4 13.Qc3 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 f6 16.Qxc4 fxg5 17.d6! with some advantage) 13.Bxe4 f6 fails to 14.Qxb2 fxg5 15.Ne6! .]

[11.Bxe4 Nxb2 12.Qd2 Nc4=]

[11.Nxe4+- 3.64/21 b6 12.Rc1 Bb4+ 13.Kf1]

11...e3!± 12.fxe3

[White had avoid 12.Nxg7+? 0.32/17 12.f4 1.30 Kf8 13.Nf5 -0.84/17 (13.Qb3± -0.35/20 deserves consideration. exf2+ 14.Kf1 Ne3+ 15.Bxe3 Bxe3 16.Nf5) 13...exf2+± 14.Kf1 aiming for b4! d6! when a nasty ...Ng4 is imminent,]

[but he might have considered 12.Nxe3!? Nxe3 13.fxe3 0-0 1.22/19 (Better is 13...Be7± 0.34/20) 14.0-0!

with counterplay against f6.]

[12.Bxe3 Nxe3 (12...Nxb2? 13.Qb3+-) 13.Nxe3 0-0=]

[12.Nxg7+ Kf8 13.Qb3 (13.Nf5 exf2+ 14.Kf1 d6±) 13...exf2+ 14.Kf1 Nd6+]

12...0-0



13.Qb3 0.49/18

[13.b4!± 1.48/19 Bd6 (13...Bxb4? 14.Qb3+-) 14.Qd4]

13...d6± 14.Nxg7 -0.68/20

[Continuing in an ambitious and quite possibly too ambitious vein. Instead the position would have remained rather complex and unclear after 14.Nd4! Ne5! 15.Ne4 (15.0-0!?) 15...Neg4 16.0-0-0 0.08/19 . (16.0-0± 0.63/22)]

[14.Nd4± 0.52/24 Ne5 15.Ne4]

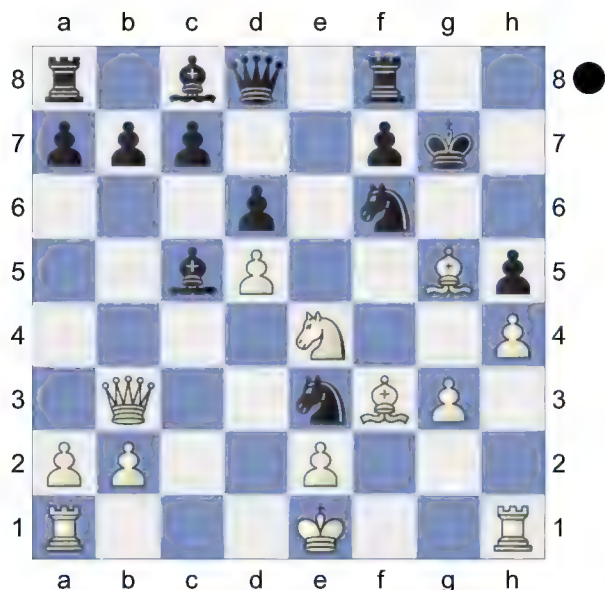
14...Nxe3± 15.Bf3 -1.90/19 Now White is beyond hope.

[No doubt disorientated by the unusual opening and quite possibly having already used up a fair amount of time, Von Herman miscalculates. White had to exploit the pin with 15.Nxh5 when Nxg2+ 16.Kf1? -2.49/24 (16.Kd2± -0.88/19 Be3+

17.Bxe3 Nxe3 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6
 19.Kxe3) 16...Ne3+ 17.Ke1
 allows Black to repeat or try the
 practically rather dangerous Nxh5!
 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Na4 Nxc5 is the
 strong threat. Bd4 with three pieces
 and excellent play for the queen.]
 [15.Nxh5 0-1 Nxc5 16.Kd2
 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Nxe3 (17...Nxh5
 18.Bg5 0-1) 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Kxe3]

15...Kxg7+ 16.Ne4? -3.52/20

[16.Na4 -1.78/18 is the only way for
 White. Nf5 (16...Bb4+? 17.Kf2+-)
 17.Nxc5 dxc5 18.Qc3]



This fails to regain the piece, but there
 was nothing better. **16...Nxe4!**
 Black is winning. **17.Bxd8**

[17.Bxe3 Bf5]

17...Bb4+! Presumably the point that
 Von Herman overlooked. White is
 punished in style for his refusal to
 evacuate his king from the centre.
 Decoy

[17...Nxg3? 18.Rc1 (18.Bxc7 Nxh1
 19.Rc1 Re8+-) 18...Ng4 (18...Rxd8?
 19.Rxc5 Ng4 20.Qc3+ Kg8
 21.Rg1+-) 19.Rxc5 (19.Bxc7 Bf2+

20.Kd2 Be3+ 21.Ke1 Bf2+ 22.Kd2
 Be3+ 23.Kd1 Nxh1+-) 19...dxc5
 20.Bxc7 Nxh1 21.Bxh1+-]

18.Qxb4 Nc2+ Black will emerge a
 piece ahead.

**Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/
 Black=0.23 (precise)**

[18...Nxd5? loses. 19.Qd4+
 (19.Qxe4 c6+-) 19...Kg8 20.Qxd5+-
 (20.Qxe4 c6+-; 20.Bxe4 Be6+-)]

0-1

□ **Gomez, Juan**

E33

2205

■ **Vlassov, Nikolai**

2283

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 [Kitty Kat]

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5
 dxc5 1-0 (58) Agrest, E-Vlassov, N
 Katowice op 1992]

3...e6 4.Nc3N

[4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 e5
 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb5
 Re8 13.e3 h5 14.h3 a6 15.Nc3 c6
 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.Rfe1
 Be6 0-1 (44) Gukesh, D (2736)-Pranav,
 V (2608) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz
 2023 (2.15) 19.Ne2 d5 20.Qc1 dxc4
 21.bxc4 Qb4 22.Nf4 Bxc4 23.Bc3
 Qa4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qa1 Ne8
 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Qf6 Rd1 28.Rxd1
 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxa2 30.Be4 Qd7
 31.Qe5 Qe8 32.Qd4 c5 33.Qd3 b5
 0-1 (44) Sikorova, J (2736)-Schmucker,

R (2608) Baku op 2010 (2.15)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3
Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 e5!

The main line 9...e5 scores better than
9...a5. Die Hauptvariante 9...e5 punktet
besser als 9...a5. 10.Be2 Bg4 11.0-0
-0.07/22

[11.dxe5± 0.59/21 Nxe5 12.h3]

11...e4= 12.Ne1 The position is equal.

12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 d5N

[Vorgänger: 13...a6 0.32/26

13...d5 -0.39 14.Nc2 d5 15.Nb4

Hoping for Nxc6. Qe6 16.b3 -0.66/21

(White should try 16.cxd5= 0.30/27

Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Rfc1)

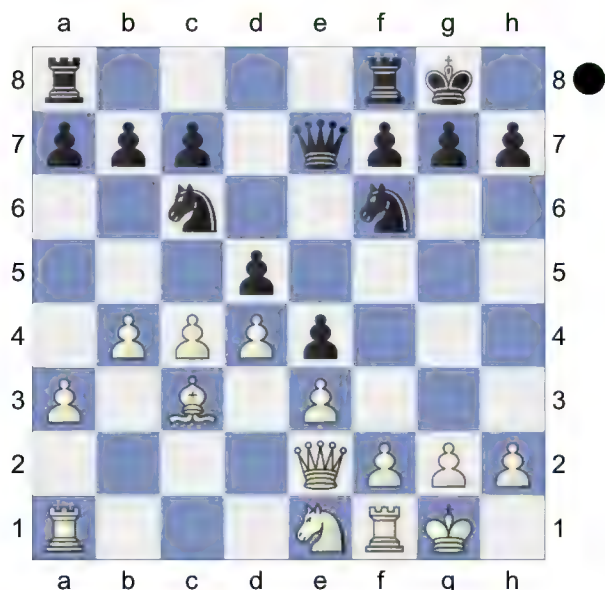
16...Ne7 17.a4 c6 18.Na2 Ng6

19.Bd2 -1.00/23 (19.Ba5 0.48/22)

19...Rfe8 ½-½ (27) Sokolov,I (2610)-

Yermolinsky,A (2597) Wijk aan Zee
1999]

14.b4



And now b5 would win. 14...Qe6 15.f3?
-2.08/21

[15.b5 0.33/21 Ne7 16.Bb4]

15...dxc4+ 16.fxe4 -3.00/24

[16.b5 -1.86/20 might work better.
Ne7 17.Bb4]

16...Nxe4 17.Rc1 Ne7 18.Nf3 b5

19.a4 a6

[19...bxa4 20.Ba1-+]

20.Be1 Nd5

[20...bxa4 21.Nd2=]

21.Nd2 Rae8

[21...bxa4 22.Nxc4 Qc6 23.Qd1 0-0]

22.Qf3 f5

[Worse is 22...Nxb4 23.Nxe4 Nd3

24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5±]

[22...bxa4? 23.Nxc4 Qc6 24.Qd1-+]

23.axb5 axb5

[Weaker is 23...Nxb4 24.bxa6

(24.Nxc4? is the wrong capture.

Nd3-+) 24...Nd3 (24...Qxa6 25.Nxc4

Nd5 26.Ne5=) 25.Rc2 0-0]

24.Bg3 -8.81/18

[24.h3 -4.38/17]

24...Nxd2 A dynamic duo of knights.

25.Qf2 Nxf1 26.Rxf1 Qxe3 27.Be5

Qxf2+ 28.Rxf2 c3 29.Rc2 c6

Strongly threatening ...c5! 30.Kf2 g5

31.g3 Rf7 32.h4 h6 33.hxg5 hxg5

34.Kf3 Ra7 35.Rh2 g4+ Black mates.

36.Kg2 Ra2+ 37.Kg1 Rxh2 38.Kxh2

c2 39.Bf4 Nxf4 40.gxf4 c1Q

Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/

Black=0.20 (precise)

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A50

□ The Lunge

■ Qd4,C

[R Palliser,Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25:

Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7

cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5N

[3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4

5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7

8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

3...Ne5 4.Qd4 We've already met this concept and will do so again in this chapter; the queen defends c4, also covers e4 and hopes to gain time by attacking the e5-knight. However, she does appear a little misplaced in the middle of the board so early, and can often be quickly targeted.

4...Ng6

[Retreating appears stronger than blocking in the important dark-squared bishop with **4...d6** **5** when, for example, 5 5.e4 c5 6.Qe3 e6 7.Nc3 Be7 (Keevil-Palliser, South Wales Open 2001) 8.f4 Ng6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 (Orlov) gives White an edge due to his strong centre and to Black's lack of effective counterplay.]

5.e4 The only move considered by Orlov, but there have been a number of other tries since early 1998:

[a] **5.Nf3!?** prevents 5...e5 and intends to simply develop some pieces. After e6 :

A) 6.Nc3 b6! (not just allowing the f8-bishop to be developed actively,

but also intending to create some pressure with the light-squared prelate) 7.a3 Bc5 8.Qd1 a5 9.g3?! Ba6 10.b3 exd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.Bg2 Qe7 left White under pressure in Rotariu-Van Geet, correspondence 1986.;

B) 6.g3 Bb4+ (again 6...b6!? looks like a sensible alternative) 7.Bd2 c5!? 8.Qd3 (8.dxc6 Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 must be critical, although then Black hopes that g3 may not be so useful, especially after bxc6 10.e4!? d5!) 8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 exd5 10.cxd5 d6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 gave Black a reasonable Benoni-type position due to his control of e5 and queenside majority in Dobos-Husari, Balatonlelle 2003.;

C) 6.--]

[b] **5.Bg5** hopes to be disruptive, but then e5 leaves White's queen without a good square (6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nf3 h6! isn't a problem as then the bishop lacks a good retreat square), whilst Black intends to gain a good dark-squared centre position with ...h6 and ...Bc5.]

[c] Likewise **5.Nc3** e5 6.Qd3 (Dudas-Ferencz, Budapest 1998) doesn't impress as then Bc5 simply leaves Black a tempo ahead of lines considered in the first two chapters.]

[d] **5.h4!?** borrows an idea from those chapters, and after e5 6.Qd3 Black can perhaps even do without 6...h5. Instead Bb4+!? (even stronger appears to be 6...Bc5! 7.e3 e4 and then ...Ne5) 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nxd2 d6 9.g3 h5 (now 10 h5 was finally a threat with ...Nf4 ruled out in

response) 10.Ngf3 c6!
began counterplay in Osmolnyi-
Pitkanen, Joensuu 2000.]

5...e5 6.Qd3

[Now Black can construct a good dark-squared centre position and so Orlov instead focused upon the critical (but again still untested) 6.dxe6!? Bb4+ and now

A) or 7.Nc3 e5 would now be deadly. dxe6! 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.f3 when just Ke7, intending ...c6 and ...e5, is tempting, (but so too is unbalancing the position with Orlov's 9...Bxc3+!? 10.bxc3 c5 which looks like a good Nimzo ending for Black as the white bishops will find it hard to find good roles);

B) 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nxd2 Hoping for e5. dxe6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.0-0-0 Ke7 (Orlov) does indeed seem fine for Black. Some may worry that with the queens off Black's activity is over, but this strikes me as an ending with reasonable winning chances against weaker opposition. The knights may well hassle the white kingside, whilst White must also be careful in the centre. There the d4-square is especially problematic for him for he can easily stand worse after ...e5 and ...c6 (after which ...Nd7-c5 or ...Nf8-e6-d4 become possible) unless he gains activity, such as by unbalancing the position with a kingside pawn advance.]

6...Bc5 7.Be3 Qe7 0.30/22

[Now the queen reaches an active square, but 7...Bxe3 8.Qxe3 0-0 is also possible when 9.Nc3 d6 10.g3 c6 11.Bg2

A) very creative when one expected Black to play more simply on the queenside, such as with 11...cxd5 -0.09/22 11...b5 -0.45 12.cxd5 Qa5 0.28/20 and then ...Bd7 and ...Rfc8 (12...b5 -0.24/19);

B) 11...b5!? 12.dxc6 bxc4 13.Nd5! Be6 was pretty complex in Svela-Efimov, Gausdal 1991. However, White then immediately lost his way when 14.b4?! -0.58/22 Dodges Qa5 (14.Ne2= -0.15/19) 14...Bxd5! -0.06/24 (14...Ne7 -0.58/22 15.c7 Qd7 16.Nxf6+ gxf6) 15.exd5= And now Ne2 would win. e4! created the strong twin threats of 16...Nxd5xb4 and 16...Ne5-d3+.]

[12...Bxe3 -0.13/24 8.Qxe3 d6]

8.Bxc5 White has an edge. **8...Qxc5 9.f3 d6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.g3 c6!** Exploiting the active queen to play on the queenside.

12.Bh3! -0.82/19 Exchanging his bad bishop and intending to be able to castle after 12...Bxh3 13 Nxb3 and 14 Nf2.

[12.0-0-0= -0.23/20]

12...cxd5 -0.33/20

[12...b5 -0.82/19 13.cxb5 cxd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qe3+ 16.Kf1 Rb8]

13.cxd5 Nd7 14.Nge2 Qb6!?

[14...Nb6, eyeing up the c4-square, was also strong, but instead Black allows his opponent to castle in return for then pushing him backwards on the queenside:]

15.Qb5 Qc7 16.0-0 a6 17.Qb4 b5 18.Kg2?! Rb8 -0.07/18 Now Huguet-Sulava, Saint Affrique 1998 continued

[18...Nc5 -0.52/20 19.Bxc8 Raxc8]

19.Bxd7 -0.94/20 (not ideal, but otherwise the knight would have been

very strong on c5)

[19.Nd1!= -0.07/18 keeps the balance.]

19...a5? 20.Qb3

[Wrong is 20.Nxb5? Qxd7 (20...Bxd7 21.Qc3=) 21.Qxa5 Rxb5-+]

20...Qxd7 and Black was better due to his queenside initiative and the option to break with ...f5.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

☐ **Pires,A** **A50**
☒ **Hofman,Marnix** **2693**
 ROM-chT Romania (11.1) **2465**
 19.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4

The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4 Black must now prevent h5. **6...h5 7.Bg5 Be7 8.g3** White is more active. White is better. **8...d6 9.e4 Bg4 10.Be2 Nf8 11.Nh2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 c5 1.63/20**

[12...N8d7± 1.26/20]

13.0-0-0 N6d7 14.Bd2 a6 15.f4 1.20/19

[15.Nf1+- 1.66/22]

15...Bf6 1.62/21

[15...b5± 1.20/19 16.cxb5 axb5]

16.Nf3+- Qe7 17.Rde1 Ng6 18.Nd1 1.03/18

[18.f5+- 1.78/19 Ngf8 19.Kb1]

18...Qf8 1.57/18

[♠18...exf4 1.03/18 19.gxf4 Kf8]

19.Nf2 Qe7 20.Kb1 exf4 2.11/22

[20...0-0-0 1.67/18 was called for.]

21.gxf4 0-0-0 22.Nd3 Rde8 23.Qh2 Bd4 3.15/19

[23...Rhg8 1.92/18 keeps fighting. 24.a4 b5]

24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Qh3 Kb8 26.Bb4 f6 27.Rhg1 Rh6 28.Rg2 Nc5 29.Bxc5 dxc5 30.Qg3 b5 31.Rc2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

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A50

☐ **White Develops Classically**

☒ **D: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 a3**

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Meyer,CD/Meins: 'SPRINGER-TANGO

' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.a3!?** Unlike after 5 e4 Ng6 6 a3, here 6...Bc5 is impossible as White has d4 covered and so can

simply respond with 7 b4.

6...a5 7.Rb1! 0.49/20

[Fighting to prevent Black from simply developing his bishop. **7.h3?! 0.49/20** 7.h4 0.99 is less challenging: Bc5 8.Bg5 h6 Against h4 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Ne4 Qe7 11.Nxc5 **0.03/21** (11.h4± **0.54/23**) 11...Qxc5= (White may not have lost the bishop pair this time after the exchange on f6, but he remains rather stymied on the queenside as Black builds up on the other flank) 12.e3 0-0 13.Be2 f5 14.0-0 Ra6! 15.b3 **-0.26/21** ($\triangle$ 15.Qc2 **0.17/20**) 15...Raf6 left Black well massed on the kingside and threatening 16...e4 followed by 17...f4 in Radoja-Meszáros, Neum 2002.]

[7.h4± **1.09/22**]

7...Bc5!?!±

[Stubbornly bringing the bishop to its favoured diagonal, but should this fail then it's not clear that **7...d6 8.e4 Be7** is the end of the world for Black. As we have seen so far in this chapter, White's queenside play is rarely too dangerous and here, although Black would prefer the bishop to be on a7, 9.Be2 0-0 10.b4 **-0.07/20** (10.h4± **0.61/22**) 10...axb4= 11.axb4 Bg4 **0.51/22** (11...Nh5!= **-0.19/19**) 12.Be3 **0.00/19** (12.h3± **0.51/22** Bd7 13.0-0) 12...Nh5! **0.67/21** still gave him sufficient counterplay in Rhine-Nagle, Chicago 1997. (12...Nf4= **0.00/19** 13.Bxf4 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 exf4)] [However, **7...e4?! 1.32/21** 7...Bc5 0.46 sadly doesn't quite work: after 8.Ng5 d6 9.Ncxe4 **0.99/22** ($\triangle$ 9.Ngxe4 **1.41/21** Nxe4 10.Nxe4) 9...Nxe4 **1.45/18** ($\triangle$ 9...Be7 **0.99/22**) 10.Nxe4± Bf5 White may be

vulnerable down the light-squared diagonal, but he has time to solve his problems beginning with the cool 11.Qc2! threatening 12 Nxd6+.]

8.b4 White is slightly better. **8...axb4N**

9.axb4 Ba7 Now Black should reach a reasonable position if he is allowed to develop with 10...d6 and 11...0-0, but it's White's go.

10.d6!?

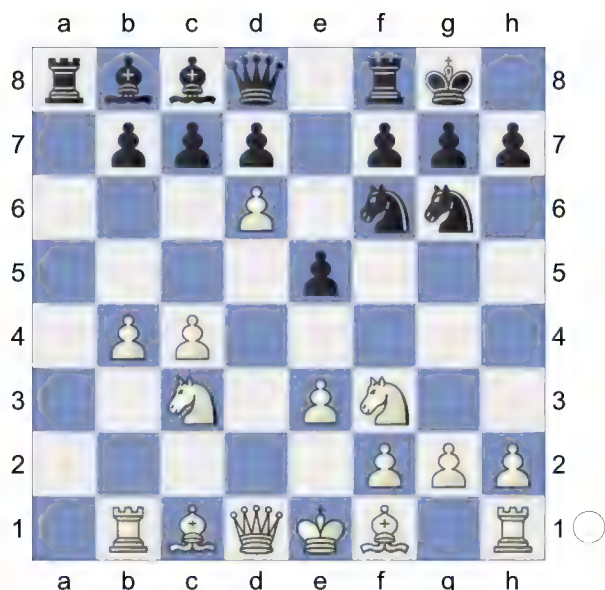
[**10.Nb5!?** **0.12/22** 10.d6 0.66 is also a concern, although Tango players usually thrive in such unbalanced and unusual positions. Then Bb8 11.d6 c6 **1.39/21** (11...cxd6= **0.10/19** remains equal. 12.Nc3 d5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 0-0) 12.Nc3± b6! may appear somewhat ridiculous, but it does hope to show that White is rather overextended. Indeed, White must find a way to support his pawn wedge quickly and to counter Black's plan – there is no time for 13.e3 **0.98/21** (White should try 13.h4 **1.59/19**) 13...0-0 14.Be2?! due to Ne8 15.c5 bxc5! 16.bxc5 Hoping for Bd2. Qa5 when c5 drops off.]

10...0-0! Ignoring White's demonstration in the centre and reaching a critical position. Allowing d5-d6 is normally a big problem for Black, but here White is lagging somewhat in development.

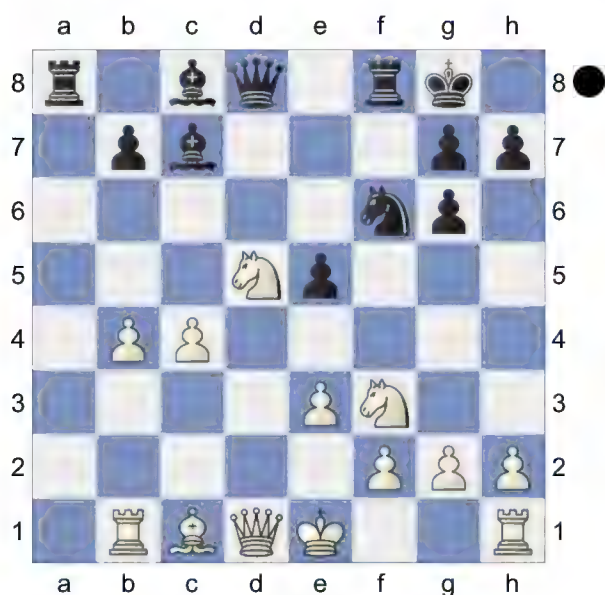
11.c5?! -0.43/23 White is more active.

[Aiming to keep Black's queenside bottled up, but this is very ambitious. However **11.dxc7 -0.45/17** 11.Bg5 0.85 Qxc7 doesn't help White at all as c4 is en prise, whilst the liberating and dangerous 12...d5! is also threatened.]

[Perhaps White should simply aim to develop with **11.e3**, but after Bb8! (Diagram)



12.dxc7 0.11/20 (Better is 12.h4!± 0.84/18) 12...Bxc7= Black threatens to finally advance with 13...e4. Then 13.Bd3?! (13.e4 d6 looks like a reasonable Sicilian for Black, who should gain counterplay on the kingside) runs into the awkward 13...d5! with the tactical point 14.Bxg6 -1.12/20 (14.Nxd5= 0.04/20 keeps the balance. Nxd5 15.cxd5) 14...fxg6 -0.76/19 (14...hxg6 -1.12/20 15.c5 b6 16.cxb6 Bxb6) 15.Nxd5±



Nxd5 -0.18/19 (15...Bf5!± -1.00/22 16.Rb3 Nxd5 17.Qxd5+ Qxd5 18.cxd5 Ra1) 16.Qxd5+= Qxd5 17.cxd5 Bf5 when Black enjoys a very strong initiative due to his bishop pair and lead in development – he will at least regain the d-pawn.]

[11.Bg5± 0.87/24 cxd6 12.e3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ra1 e4 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nd4 Bxd4 17.Rxa8 Be5 18.Be2 Ne7 19.0-0 Kh7 20.g3 f5 21.Nxe7 Qxe7 22.Qd5 Qd8 23.c5 Qf6 24.cxd6 Bxd6 25.Rc1 Qb2 26.Qd1 1-0 (27) Motyl,T (2454)-Tollan, J (2316) USSR (ch) 29/183 1979 (2.8) f4 27.exf4 1-0 Meins,G (2454)-Gross, G (2316) Bundesliga 0304 2003 (2.8)]

11...b6! 12.Nb5 Bb8 aiming for ...bxc5. 13.dxc7 Bxc7 Strongly threatening ...bxc5. 14.Nxc7 Qxc7 15.--? -2.77/19 White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.12 (very precise)

[This is a logical culmination of the ambitious plan initiated by the moves 10 d6 and 11 c5. White has gained the bishop pair but at too large a cost in development. Now 15.cxb6 Qxb6 would leave b4 weak and allow Black to follow up with 16...d5,]

[but after 15.Be3 Ne4! -0.20/18 Black's initiative is beginning to grow.

5 Nf3 Ng6 6 a3 a5 7 Rb1 may have only been played once, but it certainly leads to a fascinating struggle if Black persists, as he definitely appears to be able to, with 7...Bc5!?. Black's initiative is beginning to grow. 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 a3 a5 7 Rb1 may have only been played once, but it certainly leads to a fascinating struggle if Black persists,

as he definitely appears to be able to, with 7...Bc5!?. (15...Bb7 0.93/19 16.cxb6 Qc3+ 17.Bd2 Qc6) [15.Be3 0.92/24 might work better.]

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White Counters Dynamically

■ D: 5 g3 Ng6 6 h4

[R Palliser, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.g3 Ng6 6.h4 Rather than complete the fianchetto, White immediately hopes to drive back the g6-knight. This can be easily parried, but White has also gained the h3-square for his minor pieces.

6...h5

[Best, as 6...Bc5 7.h5 Ne7 8.h6!

wrecks the Black kingside,] [while 6...e4? 1.47/19 6...Bb4 0.88 7.h5 Ne5 8.Qd4 simply lost a pawn in Krasenkow-Chevallier, Metz 1994. Prevents Bc5.]

7.Bh3 0.35/17 As we have seen, even on g2 the bishop doesn't perform a great role and so White simply swaps it off. However, he has a number of other challenging plans to choose from:

[a] 7.Nh3! 0.57/20 7.Bg5 0.96 aims to rush the knight straight to the vacant g5-square:

A) 7...Bc5 8.Ng5 a5 9.Bg2 d6 10.Qc2 Ng4 led to a very complex position in Anagnostopoulos-Williams, Isle of Man 1994, although Black had to be prepared to give up material;

B) It is of course possible to follow that, but simply 7...Bc5 8.Ng5 d6!? also seems possible. Orlov then suggests 9.b4!?, but Bd4 10.Bb2 a5! 11.a3 0-0 should be acceptable for Black, who can exploit the g4-square with either a bishop or knight. Now 12.e3 forces off the dark-squared bishop, but after Bxc3+ 13.Bxc3 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 Bf5 16.Be2, hoping to tie the f6-knight to h5, b5! undermines White's queenside and assures Black of counterplay;

C) 7...Bb4!? is also possible: 8.Qb3 a5 (refusing to give up the bishop immediately as 8...Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 d6 10.Bg2 makes it hard for Black to gain early counterplay with ...c6) 9.Ng5 Qe7 seems acceptable for Black. 10...a4 is a threat, whilst 10.Bd2 d6 11.Bg2 0-0 intends to gain counterplay with the f-pawn

after ...Ng4.;

D) 7...Bb4± 0.57/20;

E) 7...-- 1.19/20]

[b) **7.Bg2!?** sees White fianchettoing once Black is committed to ...h5:

A) _____ Szymczak-Berezjuk, Frydek Mistek 1996 continued 7...Be7 8.Nf3 d6 9.Ng5 with a small edge to White.;

B) _____ Finding an improvement is not, however, so easy for now copying Yermolinsky in our main line doesn't work so well. After 7...Bb4 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 d6 10.Bg5 the c8-bishop lacks a good square: Bg4 11.Nf3 Qd7 1.42/20 (Black should try 11...Ne7 0.97/18) 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nd2! leaves it rather stranded and prevents. f3 is the strong threat. f5?? 3.31/17 in view of (13...Qd8± 1.35/21 14.c5 a5) 14.f3.;

C) Meanwhile 7...Bc5 8.Bg5 d6 9.Ne4! Bb4+ 10.Kf1 cuts across Black's plans to get in ...Ne7 and ...c6.;

D) _____ Probably Black should continue with 7...Ng4!? 1.29/20 7...Bb4 0.65, when 8.Bg5 (8.Nh3 can be met by an active deployment of the bishop to c5 or b4; and Black hopes that 8.f3 1.03/17 8.Bg5 1.39 would turn out to be too weakening: Black could then break any pin along the h4-d8 diagonal with ...c6 and ...Qb6) 8...Be7 1.80/19 (8...Nf6± 1.33/19 9.Qa4 Be7) 9.Nf3 0.72/19 must be critical when (9.d6+- 1.80/19 is more deadly.) 9...d6± 10.0-0 0-0 leads to quite an unusual and unclear position. Who has gained most on the kingside is not clear, but Black may well still

continue with ...f5!?, even at the cost of the g5-square. Less riskily, Black can also consider, such as after 11.Rc1, Bxg5!? 12.Nxg5 Qe7 1.37/17, intending 13...f6 (so long as 14 Ne6 can be met by 14... Bxe6 15 dxe6 c6 and then ... Qxe6). (12...b6 0.75/16);

E) 7...--]

[c) An immediate **7.Bg5** is also possible when play will probably transpose to the previous note after Be7 8.Bg2 0.90/20 (12.e3 1.27/22) 8...Ng4! 1.84/17. (8...a6± 0.90/20 was necessary.)]

[7.a3± 1.00/25]

7...Bb4!± As usual, if the dark-squared bishop can be actively employed it should be, and here Black isn't too worried about the pin after Bg5. Gual Pascual-Yermolinsky, London 1994 continued logically with **8.Qb3** White is slightly better. **8...Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 d6 10.Bg5**, but now Black broke the pin with **10...Bxh3 11.Nxh3 Qd7!**. Of course White could now double Black's f-pawns, but then Yermolinsky wouldn't have been too unhappy. The h3-knight isn't wonderfully placed at all, preventing White from castling short, whilst Black may well later find the ...f5-f4 break quite useful. Black certainly wasn't in any trouble in the game after **12.f3**

[after **12.Bxf6 0.14/16** 12.0-0-0 0.56 gxf6 13.0-0-0 followed by 14 Ng1 White shouldn't be worse]

12...c6 0.88/20

[12...Nh7± 0.50/18 was preferable.]

(Diagram)



13.dxc6!± bxc6 14.e4 0.27/24

[14.Nf2± 0.94/20]

14...d5! .

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26
(precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

A50

□ White Develops Classically

■ Bg5,G

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

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The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Bg5 This perhaps deserves to be classified in the next chapter as a dynamic try, although usually the move is rather tamely followed up. After 5...Ng6 only really 6.h4!? can hope to cause Black any problems. Instead.. White is more active.

[a] 6.e3 h6! 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 and now

A) 8.a3!? might be more challenging as after a5 1.24/25 (8...d6± 0.48/23) 9.Nf3 Bc5 there is 10.Ne4! 0.53/22 , but this actually does little more than regain the bishop pair: (White should play 10.h4± 0.90/24) 10...Qb6± 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 intends 12...d6 and then probably ... 0-0 and ...f5, whilst 12.Bd3 Threatens to win with Bxg6. d6 13.Bxg6 -0.11/19 (13.Nd2± 0.31/23) 13...fxg6= isn't really challenging for Black as c4 is weak and ...Bg4 also threatened; White might hope that 14.Nh4? -0.51/23 leads somewhere, but after (14.0-0= -0.09/25 was preferable.) 14...Qxc4± 15.Nxg6 Rg8! the knight is in grave danger of being trapped, and after. Hoping for ...Qe4. 16.Qh5 -1.00/22 Black has at least (16.f3± -0.50/21) 16...Qg4 -0.35/20 (16...Qxd5± -1.00/22 17.0-0 Qe4 18.Nh4+ Kd8); B) 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Nge2 Nh4!

gave Black a reasonable position in Tuovinen-Paronen, Helsinki 2002.]
 [b) Likewise **6.e4 -0.10/21** 6.h4 0.75, hoping for 6...Bc5 7 Qf3!?, can simply be met by h6. Then 7.Bd2 Bc5 8.Bd3 0-0!? transposes to P.Watson-Palliser, Yorkshire League 2004 (I had played 6...Bc5!? instead of the more sensible 6...h6) when 9.Na4!? (taking the opportunity to unbalance the struggle) Bd4! 10.Ne2 d6 11.Nxd4 exd4 led to an interesting position, with Black's pressure against e4 and use of the e5-square, along with the offside a4-knight, at least compensating for the bishop pair. White must now castle short for after 12.Qc2 **-0.82/21** (12.0-0= **-0.30/20**) 12...Bd7 **-0.09/20** (12...Ne5= **-0.82/21** Strongly threatening ...Qd7. 13.b3 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Nxe4 15.Qxd4 Nxd2 16.Kxd2 c6) 13.0-0-0? **-2.29/21** (13.0-0= **-0.09/20** and White stays safe.) 13...Ne5!-+ my opponent was already in huge trouble. He was forced to play 14.b3 to save the offside knight but then simply Bxa4 15.bxa4



Qe8 **-1.05/21** was excellent for Black. (15...c6!-+ **-2.29/21** and Black stays clearly on top. 16.Kb1 Nfd7)]

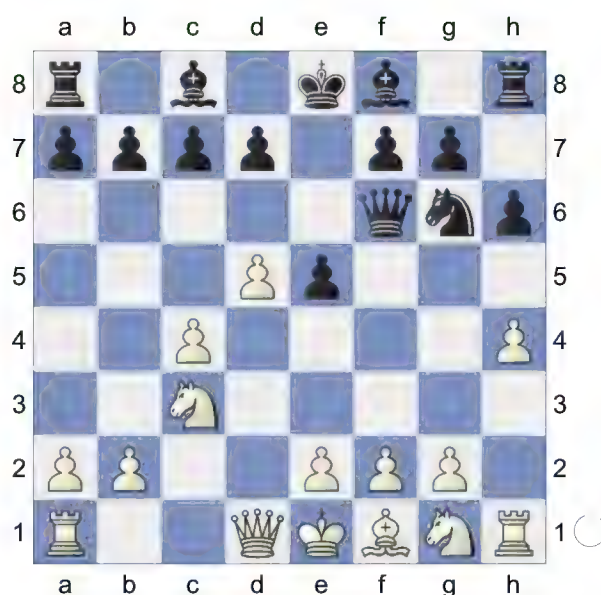
After 6 h4, Black should probably respond here with the untested **6...h6!**

[rather than **6...h5 1.11/18** 6...Bb4 0.75 after which White doesn't have to transpose to Line C of Section 2 in Chapter 2 with 7 Nf3. Instead the flexible 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 d6 9.Qc2 Nf8! 10.f3! N8d7 11.Nge2 **0.18/18** gave him an edge in Raheb-Khaziyeva, Montreal 2000. (11.Be2± **0.57/21** should be considered.)]

After 6...h6, White might try **7.Bxf6**

[**7.Bd2 0.08/21** 7.Bxf6 0.99 can be met by 7...h5, but even better is Bc5 which is why the advance of the h-pawn after 5 Bg5 appears too slow. That advance is designed to disrupt Black's kingside development and coordination, but here 8.h5 Ne7! is too late for White as the f8-bishop is already out.]

7...Qxf6



8.h5!, but then Black has at least **8...Bc5 1.30/21** **9.e3 0.74/19**

[**9.Ne4?** -0.27/17 9.hxg6 1.57 Bb4+!
is the tactic which underpins 8...Bc5]
[Δ 9.hxg6 1.30/21 Bxf2+ 10.Kd2]

9...Ne7 1.10/19

[Δ 9...Nf8 0.74/19]

10.Ne4 0.03/23

[10.a3 $\pm$ 1.10/19]

10...Qb6 with comfortable equality. .

Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/
Black=0.21 (precise)

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☐ **White Counters Dynamically**

☒ **B: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 g3**

[R Palliser, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4
Nf6 2 c4 b6)

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Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7
cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5**
4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4
6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3
9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0
12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8
15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5
18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E
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11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3
Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3
Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2
Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4
The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.g3 0.33/22
Fianchettoing here is less common than

doing so immediately or after 5 e4 Ng6,
but it remains a valid option.

[6.h4 $\pm$ 0.92/19]

6...Bb4

[Again hoping to weaken White's
queenside, although here the doubled
pawns can be prevented. **6...Bc5!?**
is still a valid alternative: 7.Bg2
(7.h4!?) 7...0-0 8.0-0 a6

A) _____ intending rather more to trade
the dark-squared bishops than to
prevent ...b5, although that remains
an option; however, after **9.h3**
0.19/20 9.Bg5 0.67 b5!? **0.78/23**
(9...d6= **0.19/20**) 10.cxb5 axb5
11.Nxb5 Ba6 12.Nc3
Black's counterplay isn't as strong
as in Budinsky-Cvek because the e-
pawn is still on e2, and so he
should probably prefer 9...d6,
intending 10...Ne8 and ...f5;

B) **9.Bg5 $\pm$** **0.63/20**;

C) **9.Qd3!** **0.15/20** 9...d6 **0.58/22**
(9...h6= **0.15/20**) 10.e4 **0.16/23**
and now: (10.Bg5! $\pm$ **0.58/22**)

C1) **10...h6** _____ (a useful waiting
move if Black can get in ...Ng4
with tempo, but here it's a little
slow) 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3
Ng4 13.Qe2 f5 14.exf5! Bxf5
15.Nd2 Qd7 16.Nde4
(Lehtivaara-Paronen, Jyvaskyla
2001) is not the sort of position
Black wants: the e4-knight rather
dominates the board and Black
must resort to careful defence,
although perhaps the position
isn't too bad as at least Black is
fairly solid.;

C2) _____ Lehtivaara's Qd3 plan was
rather strong and so Black
should probably forget about ...f5
for the time being, preferring

10...c6!? _____ to gain counterplay. Certainly then 11.Be3 (perhaps 11.dxc6!? is more challenging, although after bxc6 12.b3 Bg4 , fighting for the key d4-square, it is far from easy for White to exploit d6, whilst Black will hope to redeploy the g6-knight with ... Qe7, ...Rfd8, ...Nf8 and ...Ne6) 11...Bxe3 12.Qxe3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 , intending 14... Qa5 and 15...Rfc8, should be fine for him as ...b5 will increase the queenside pressure and keep a white knight away from c4.;

C3) 10...--]

7.Qb3 Bxc3+

[Even though it doesn't double White's pawns here, Black is happy to trade off his dark-squared bishop, reasoning that it lacks a good role and asking White as to just how useful his own is. However, I would prefer to first play the useful 7...Qe7!? (not fearing 8 Bg5 a5!) followed by ...h6. White can still win the bishop pair with 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 , but then 0-0 0.82/22 (9...d6= 0.25/23 keeps the balance.)

(Diagram)

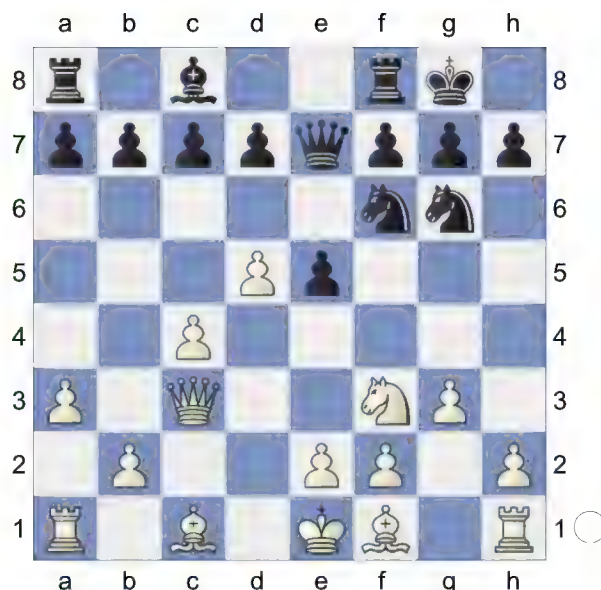
10.Bg2 0.33/20 (10.h4!± 0.82/22)
 10...Ne4! 1.06/22 (10...d6± 0.33/20)
 11.Qd3 0.16/22 (11.Qc2± 1.06/22 Nc5 12.b4) 11...f5 gives Black good counterplay: Black will continue with ... a5 and ...Nc5, and White must beware of ...e4 forks.]

8.Qxc3 d6 9.Bg2 0.07/21

[9.Nd2± 0.49/19]

9...Bg4 0.55/20

[9...Ne4= 0.07/21 might be stronger.



10.Qc2 f5]

10.0-0 0.00/22

[Better is 10.b3± 0.55/20]

10...h5!? 0.81/21 An interesting idea to utilise the fact that Black has yet to castle.

[10...Qc8= 0.00/22]

11.Qc2! 0.41/18

[11.Bg5 0.27/18 11.h3 0.80 isn't a problem due to Ne4! 0.81/21

(11...Qd7= 0.27/18 remains equal.)

12.Bxd8 -0.53/16 (White has to play

12.Qe3± 0.81/21 Nxg5 13.Nxg5)

12...Nxc3± 13.Bxc7? -2.53/20

(13.bxc3± -0.55/20 Rxd8 14.Rfb1)

13...Nxe2+-+ 14.Kh1 Kd7 , intending ...Rac8 and ...f5 and usually meeting Re1 with ...Bxf3 followed by ...Nd4.]

[11.h3± 0.81/21 Bd7 12.a4]

11...h4± 12.Ng5

[It's tempting to exploit the g5-square like this, but here 12.Bg5! would have been more problematic. Then objectively it's not clear whether Black's attack after Qd7 13.Bxf6 -0.58/20 (13.Nxh4= 0.21/18 Nxh4 14.Bxh4) 13...gxf6± 14.c5! is enough, although White may well

have feared being mated in Yugoslav Attack style after ...Bh3.]

12...Qe7 13.a3 a5 14.b3 Nf8! 0.87/18

[14...a4± 0.37/19]

15.Rb1 0.42/19

[15.h3± 0.87/18]

15...N6h7 0.78/21

[15...hxc3± 0.42/19 deserves consideration. 16.fxc3 N8d7]

16.Ne4 0.30/20 White is more active.

[Of course not 16.gxh4?! Ng6=]

[16.Nxh7± 0.78/21 Nxh7 17.Be4]

16...f5 17.Nc3 Nf6 1.18/20 Black has evicted the g5-knight and is certainly well massed on the kingside, leaving the position unclear in Milovanovic-And. Zontakh, Tivat 1997.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)

[Black should try 17...hxc3± 0.58/21 18.fxc3 Nf6]

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□ **White Counters Dynamically**

■ **G1 Nf3**

[R Palliser, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N**

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5

Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.h4 Neg8 6.Nf3

[This is a perfectly valid alternative to **6.a3** .]

6...e4 1.42/20 Orlov's critical suggestion, which still needs testing.

[**6...Ng4!** , logically making immediate use of the e4-square, has been the move preferred in practice:

A) or 7.Bg5 N8f6 8.g3 -0.06/24 (8.h5± 0.39/20

is more appropriate.) 8...Bc5= 9.e3 0-0 0.64/25 (9...Bb4= -0.07/24) 10.Nd2± and now

A1) 10...d6! 11.Be2 0.02/21 (11.Qe2± 0.66/23) 11...Qd7

improves and prepares ...h6 now that Black controls the g4-square;

A2) 10...d6!± 0.57/21;

A3) 10...h6? 1.83/23 11.Bxf6 0.48/16 (11.Bh3!+- 1.83/23)

11...Nxf6± 12.g4! gave White a strong attack in I.Torre-Hassan, correspondence 1999;

B) 7.Ng5 h6 8.Nge4 N8f6 (having played ...h6, Black must be careful about playing ...f5 as that would further weaken his kingside; hence Webster's sensible decision to develop first) 9.Ng3 Bc5 10.e3! 0-0 1.56/21 (10...d6 0.75/19) 11.Be2 0.60/19 (11.Qe2!± 1.56/21) 11...d6± 12.h5! Qd7! 0.92/19 (12...a6= 0.26/19) 13.Bd3 0.42/22

(13.Rh4± 0.92/19) 13...Qd8
14.Be2 Qd7 0.80/19 , intending ...
Re8 and ...e4 (as well as ...a6 if
necessary to keep the dark-squared
bishop), gave Black a fully
acceptable, unclear position in Dao
Thien Hai-Webster, Calcutta 2000.
(14...a5= 0.25/19)]

[6...Ng4!± 0.54/21]

7.Nd4 Utilising the available central
square, but White can also decide to hit
the e4-pawn:

[a] **7.Ng5** Bb4 8.Qc2 Qe7 and now:

A) 9.a3 0.62/21 9.Bd2 1.23 Bxc3+
10.Qxc3 d6 11.b3 Nh6! 1.86/21
(11...Nh5= 0.28/21 and Black stays
safe.) 12.Bb2? -0.20/18 (12.Nxe4!
doesn't yet work as then Nxe4
13.Qxg7 Rg8 14.Qxh6 Qe5
should give Black excellent
compensation due to his well-
placed steed and very active
queen; 12.Nxe4!+- 1.86/21 Nxe4
13.Qxg7) 12...Nhg4 0.55/18
(Orlov) is very comfortable for Black
as the knight on g4 ties White down
to f2, whilst it can always retreat to
e5 to block the long diagonal if
necessary. (12...Nf5= -0.20/18);

B) 9.Bd2! (the queen is already
well placed on c2, whilst the bishop
will add to the pressure from c3)
Bxc3 10.Bxc3 h6 11.Nh3
and now 11...e3 12 Qd3! only really
appears to help White. However, d6
(thus far Orlov's analysis) 12.e3
still leaves it problematic for Black
to develop the kingside. still leaves
it problematic for Black to develop
the kingside. Probably Black should
thus further unbalance the position
with

B1) 12...Nh5? 1.70/21

12...Bg4 0.97 13.Be2 Ngf6?
3.52/19 drops a piece to
(13...Nh6 1.70/18
was necessary. 14.0-0-0 Kf8)
14.Qd1!;

B2) whilst 12...Bg4 13.Be2 h5
14.Nf4 gives White a pleasant
edge;

B3) Probably Black should thus
further unbalance the position
with 12...Bxh3!? 13.Rxh3 h5
14.Rg3 Kf8 when the two
bishops look quite useful. On the
other hand 15.Be2 Nh6

B3a) and not 16.Bxf6 0.05/20
16.Rg5 0.87 Qxf6 17.Bxh5?
-3.52/21 (17.Qxe4= 0.24/22
and White has nothing to
worry. Qxb2 18.Rb1 Qc3+
19.Kf1) 17...Nf5;

B3b) 16.Rg5± 0.84/21;

B3c) 16.0-0-0 0.23/20
16...Nhg4 1.30/19 shows the
strength of the knights.
Perhaps White is a little better,
but a knight is coming to e5
and then Black can consider
gaining some play with ...a5
and ...c6. (16...Nfg4= 0.23/20
keeps the balance.);

C) 9.Bd2± 1.23/20;

D) 9.-- 0.45/21]

[b] **7.Nd2?** -0.66/21 7.Ng5 1.36 Bb4
0.84/20 (7...e3!± -0.66/21
stays ahead. 8.fxe3 Bd6) 8.Qc2
-0.23/22 (8.Qb3± 0.84/20 a5 9.a3
Bxc3 10.Qxc3) 8...Qe7 0.49/22
is less challenging for Black:
(8...e3!= -0.23/22) 9.a3 Bxc3
10.Qxc3

A) but not Orlov's 10...Nh6? 2.50/23
10...e3 0.58 due to 11.Nxe4!

A1) or 11...Qxe4 12.Bxh6

gxh6? 5.20/19 (12...0-0 2.43/19
13.f3 Qg6) 13.Qxf6;

A2) Δ 11...Qxe4 2.49/20

12.Bxh6 Qg6;

A3) 11...Nxe4 3.75/20

12.Qxg7+- Rg8 13.Qxh7!;

B) 10...d6 11.b4 0.28/22

(White should try 11.f3! $\pm$ 0.87/21)

B1) Black would like 11...Nh6!?

1.64/23 11...Nh5 0.41 to work as

then 12.e3 0.42/21

(but he needs to find something

against 12.Nxe4! Nxe4 13.Qxg7

Rg8 14.Qxh6 Qe5 Threatens to

win with ...Qc3+. 15.Rb1! when

Nxf2 16.Rb3! exploits having the

pawn on b4 and not on b3;

12.Nxe4!+- 1.64/23 Nxe4

13.Qxg7) 12...Nhg4 5

– Orlov– again gives him no

worries as he exploits the

downside to 5 h4 – Orlov– again

gives him no worries as he

exploits the downside to h4;

B2) 11...Nh5= 12.e3 f5 13.Be2

Ngf6 develops the kingside

satisfactorily.]

7...Bb4 8.Bd2 White is better.

[As Orlov observes, 8.Nf5?! 0.58/21

8.Ndb5 1.59 fails to Bxc3+ 9.bxc3

Black must now prevent d6! d6

when the knight would just be trapped

if it grabs on e7.]

[However, 8.Qc2!? Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 d6

10.Bf4 0.67/21 might be a bit more

challenging. Black does have

(10.h5 $\pm$ 1.35/19)

A) but also possible is 10...Ne7

1.14/20 10...Nh5 0.73 11.h5 h6!

when 12.Qg3 0.46/19 (12.f3 $\pm$

1.25/20) 12...Nf5 1.18/21

(12...Bg4 $\pm$ 0.46/19) 13.Nxf5 $\pm$ Bxf5

14.e3 0.28/20 (avoiding 14.Qxg7??

-3.93/19 14.Bd2 1.15 Rg8!

15.Qxh6 Bg5 would now be deadly.

Ng4; 14.Bd2 $\pm$ 1.05/19) may well

force 14...Kf8 , but Black appears

fine here. His king is pretty safe on

f8, whilst the white queen may well

turn out to be sidelined on g3,

especially once Black gets in ...Ne8

and ...c6.;

B) 10...Nh5! here,. Prevents Qg3]

8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3

[Don't play 9.bxc3?! d6=]

9...d6 10.e3 1.01/19

[Δ 10.h5 1.58/19]

10...Nh6 $\pm$

[(Orlov) But not the ambitious 10...Ne7

1.65/19 10...Nh6 0.94 11.Be2 0.97/19

(11.h5+- 1.65/19) 11...c5?! 1.75/21

due to (11...h5 $\pm$ 0.97/19) 12.dxc6+-

bxc6 13.Nb3! , unleashing the power

of the c3-bishop.]

11.Be2 0.57/20

[White should play 11.h5 $\pm$ 1.06/21]

11...Nhg4! 1.04/19

[And not 11...Nf5? 3.67/19

11...0-0 0.57 12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.g4!

, winning material.]

[11...0-0 $\pm$ 0.57/20]

(Diagram)

The sterling tour (b8-c6-e7-g8-h6-g4!) of

the queen's knight again gives Black a

good position. Now 12.Ne6!? 0.27/20

hopes to cut across Black's plans, but

White generally does better to keep

pieces on as 12...fxe6= 13.Bxg4 exd5

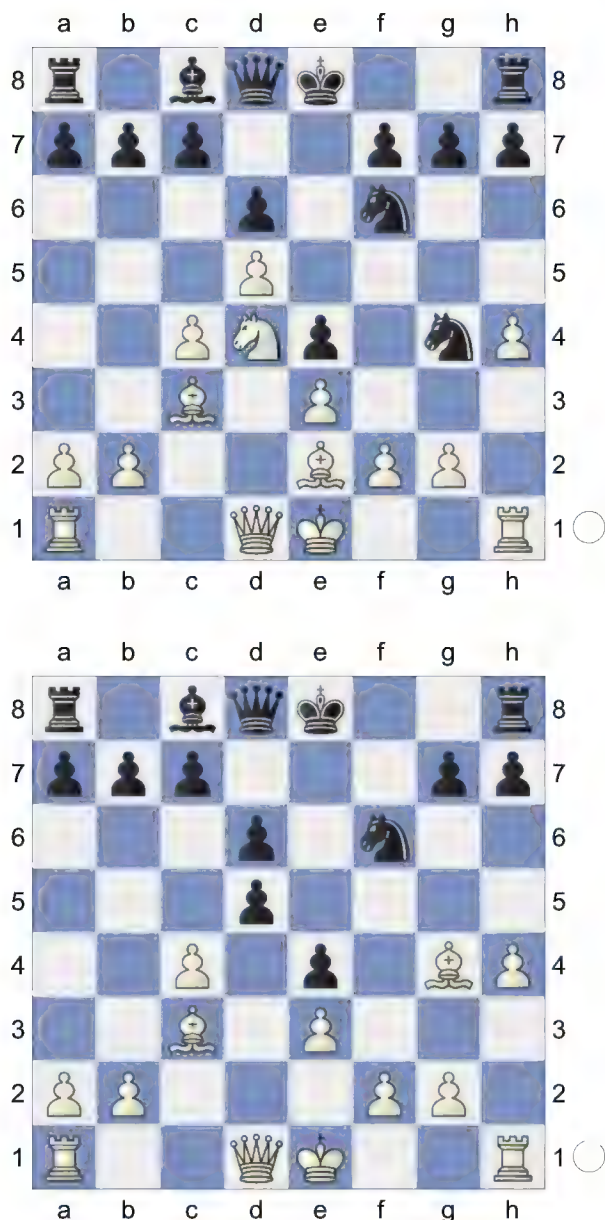
0.85/21

[13...e5= 0.24/21 remains equal.

14.Bh5+ g6]

(Diagram)

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14.Bxc8!± Rxc8 15.cxd5 -0.09/23
White is more active.

[Better is 15.Bxf6± 0.77/21 Qxf6
16.Qxd5]

15...0-0= gives Black the edge. White will struggle to go short, but **16.Qd2 -1.43/21**

[16.h5= -0.09/23]

16...Ng4! prevents him from going long.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/
Black=0.25 (precise)

□ **White Counters Dynamically**

■ **A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 g3**

[R Palliser,MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxg2 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxg2 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.g3 -0.09/25
Deciding that his light-squared bishop will do little on d3 or e2, White elects to fianchetto it. Indeed, as seen in some lines of the Fianchetto King's Indian, fianchettoed bishops can support a large centre quite well. Here, however, Black is already quite active and can gain good play with

[White should try 6.h4± 0.89/24]

6...Bb4= which, due to White's inability to cover both c3 and e4, ensures that Black can damage White's queenside structure.

[However, the slightly less popular **6...Bc5!?** , again immediately utilising the weakened a7-g1 diagonal, is a very tempting alternative which should also grant Black easy play.

A) Then 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nf3 (Janocha-Ostrowski, Polish Team Ch. 1995) a6 9.h3 **-0.01/23** (9.b4± 0.45/21 Ba7 10.0-0) 9...0-0 10.0-0 Ne8 **0.32/23** , intends ...f5 with good counterplay along the lines of Kalantarian-H.Hagesaether. (10...Bb4= -0.20/21);

B) Also tempting is 7.Bg2 0-0

B1) This, albeit slightly surprisingly, turns out to be rather weakening – 8...Ng4 wasn't yet a threat. Thus White should prefer 8.Nge2 when a6 9.0-0 b5!? is still possible, Black gaining some compensation due to his strong bishops and b-file pressure after 10.cxb5 axb5 11.Nxb5 Ba6 12.Nbc3! Qb8 . However, he must then take into account 13.Rb1! , intending 14 b4! and also 14 Bg5. Now the disruptive Bd4!? **1.57/23** might well provoke an exchange sacrifice with (Black should play 13...Bb4 0.84/21)

B1a) rather than 14.Re1? **-0.50/23** 14.b4 1.67 Bb6 **0.60/23** (14...Bxf2+!± -0.50/23 15.Kxf2 Ng4+ 16.Kf3 Nxh2+ 17.Ke3 Qa7+ 18.Kd2 Ng4) 15.h3± Qa7 16.Rf1 h5!;

B1b) 14.Nxd4!± Bxf1 15.Bxf1 **1.21/20** (15.Kxf1 1.58/22 aiming for Nf5 . exd4 16.Qxd4) 15...exd4± 16.Qxd4 ;

B2) 8.h3?! a6!? 9.Nge2 b5!

10.cxb5 axb5 11.Nxb5 (the pawn must be accepted as otherwise Black would gain good queenside play at no cost) Ba6 12.Nbc3 Qb8 13.0-0 h5! with excellent play for Black, Budinsky-Cvek, Moravian Team Ch. 2000.;

C) 7.Bg2= 0.22/21;

D) 7.-- -0.39/21]

7.Bg2 Bxc3+! 8.bxc3 d6 The position is equal. **9.Ne2 0-0**

[Already the damage to his queenside is something of a nuisance for White, who had hoped to use his space advantage to push forwards on that flank in true King's Indian style, intending to eventually open the c-file with c4-c5xd6. White is now struggling to utilise his bishops and Black should be quite comfortable providing he keeps an eye out for f4 and c5 breaks. An immediate **9...b6!?** is also possible when 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 (an admission that White lacks a plan in general and cannot find a good role for this bishop) Qxf6 13.Nc1 Qe7 14.Nb3 f5! 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qe2 Rae8 17.Be4 Qg5! saw Black beginning to exploit his advantage by pushing forwards on the kingside in Conover-Yermolinsky, US Open 1993.]

10.0-0 -0.62/22

[Realising the problems he faces finding a good plan after castling, White has also tried **10.h4!?** . Here, however, compared to the h4 lines which we will consider later in the chapter, Black no longer has a problem dark-squared bishop and so isn't at all cramped by the h-pawn's advance: Nd7 11.h5 Ne7 12.Bg5

-0.78/22 (12.g4= 0.19/23 keeps the balance.) 12...f6 13.Be3 f5 14.Qd3 -1.79/22 (or 14.h6 g6 15.Bg5 Nc5 when 16.exf5 Bxf5 gives Black good light-squared play, whilst ...Rf7 and ...Qe8-a4 will break the annoying pin; 14.h6= -0.54/23)



14...h6!-+

A) again underestimating the significance of losing control of g4, although 15.f4!? exf4 -1.03/21 (15...fxe4-+ -1.90/24 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.fxe5 dxe5)

A1) or 16.Nxf4 -2.22/22 16.Bd4 -0.91 Ne5 17.Qe2 fxe4 18.Bxe4

(Diagram)

Bg4 -1.51/22 (18...Nf5!-+ -2.52/23 19.Bf2 Qg5);

A2) 16.Bd4= -1.03/21;

A3) 16.gxf4 -1.63/23 16...fxe4-+ 17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.Bd4 -1.93/21 (18.Bf3= -1.53/20) 18...Nxe4-+ 19.Qxe4 Nf5 also fails to trouble Black;

B) 15.f3 -1.69/22;



C) 15.0-0-0?! -2.11/21 15...Nf6-+ 16.f3 fxe4! 17.fxe4 Bg4 left Black much better in Laurain-Linskiy, Montreal 1999 – White was tied down on the kingside, and later Black opened some key lines with ...c6.]

[10.h4= -0.19/23]

10...Nd7 11.Be3 b6 12.Nc1! Preparing to challenge the knight as soon as it arrives on c5, although it can then opt to retreat, preparing ...f5.

12...Nc5 13.Nb3 Nb7!? -0.17/21

[13...f5= -0.66/18 14.exf5 Bxf5]

14.h4?!

[Too weakening, but a typical reaction from a player unhappy with their opening and frustrated for a plan. An immediate **14.f4!** had to be tried, when exf4! 15.Bxf4! -1.30/19 (15.gxf4?! f5! 16.Qc2 Qh4 leaves f4 under some pressure, whilst ...Bd7 and ...Rae8 will shortly follow; 15.gxf4= -0.19/20 Qh4 16.f5) 15...Nxf4? 0.25/23 (15...Bd7= -1.30/19 16.Qc2 f6) 16.Rxf4 -0.94/20 (16.gxf4= 0.25/23 Nc5 17.e5) 16...Qg5 should be fine for Black,

although White also shouldn't be worse as he has d4 for the knight. Black should, however, easily be able to prevent Ne6 from being devastating and will hope to arrange the manoeuvre (after ...f6) ...Nb7-d8-f7-e5.]

14...f5! 0.24/22

[Don't blunder 14...Nxb4? 15.gxb4 Qxb4 16.f4+-]

[14...h6 -0.41/21]

15.h5 Ne7 with a good position for Black, T.Nixon-Bigg, London 2000, especially after the weakening **16.f4!**, as we saw above.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.24 (precise)

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□ **The Menagerie**

■ **B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3**

[R Palliser, Kitty Kat]

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation

Pieniazek,Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3** Transposing to a position normally reached via 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d4, but White also has two rather unambitious tries:

[a] **4.e3 Bb4** (4...exd4!? 5.exd4 d5 , transposing to the 4 c4 variation of the French Exchange, is also possible) sees Black happy to reach a dark-squared centre position after 5.d5 (5.Nf3 e4 6.Nd2 transposes to Line B3) 5...Ne7 with White already committed to e3.]

[b] **4.dxe5 Nxe5** also does little to challenge Black:

A) 5.Nf3 Nxf3+ 6.exf3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Be2 a5! (again ...d5 is the key break to get in) 9.0-0 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Bf4 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 c6 and Black went on to exploit his superior structure in Thetis-Palliser, Cappelle la Grande 2001.;

B) Instead 5.e4?! gives Black a pleasant choice between Bc5 (and 5...Bb4 .);

C) 5.e3 is possible when Bb4 (for those who want an unbalanced position rather than equality then 5...g6!? 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 d6 8.Be2 0-0 9.Nf3 Nfg4!? 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.0-0 a6! 12.Qd2 Be6 13.Nd5 Rb8 (Schaefer-Cebalo, Valle d'Aosta 2000) seems like a good alternative) 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Be7! (wisely preventing White from freeing his position with exchanges and also usefully acquiring the bishop pair on an open board) 8.Nf3 d6 9.Be2 Be6 10.b3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 d5! fully equalised in Seirawan-Orlov, Seattle (rapid) 1991.;

D) 5.--]

4...e4!?

[White's choice of fourth move suggests that he may know at least something about the 4 d4 variation of the English Four Knights. The main lines of that lead to rich but also quite complex and unusual positions, and so by avoiding **4...exd4** Black hopes to fight on at least a level playing field. Furthermore, Raetsky and Chetverik (in their excellent book 'English ...e5') were quite possibly correct to claim here that 'the easiest route to equality is probably the lesser known ...e4!?'.

Furthermore, as we saw above, White's structure is now often compromised early on, leading to unbalanced positions, whilst 4...e4 has been the choice of Alekhine, Euwe, Flohr and Keres, as well as more recently the respected theoretician Tiviakov and the very talented McShane. 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 Qh5 0-1 (58) Agrest,E (2470)-Pieniazek,A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992]

Now we will consider, in ascending order of popularity:

B1: 5 Ne5

B2: 5 Ng5

B3: 5 Nd2

Now we will consider, in ascending order of popularity: B1: 5 Ne5 B2: 5 Ng5 B3: Nd2 **5.d5N 5** is also possible, but isn't at all challenging:

[5.Ne5 Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nxc6 e3 9.fxe3 dxc6 10.Qb3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 c5 12.g3 Qg5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Bg2 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Bf5+ 18.e4 Rd4 The Menagerie-B1 Ne5 2005]

5...exf3 6.dxc6 fxc3 7.cxd7+ Bxd7!?

[hoping to prove that White will regret his fragmented kingside in the middlegame; as well as this **7...Qxd7** 8.Qxd7+ Bxd7 9.Bxg2 c6 10.Bg5?! **-0.65/18** (10.Ne4= **-0.25/20**) 10...Be6! 11.b3! Bb4 12.Rc1 h6 gave Black a small edge in Apsenieks-Tartakower, Folkestone Olympiad 1933: after 13.Bxf6 **-1.12/23** (13.Be3 13...gxf6 **-0.50/19**)

Black controls d5 and possesses a useful bishop pair, especially the strong dark-squared prelate]

8.Bxg2 c6! 9.Bg5 -0.97/20

[9.0-0 13...gxf6 **-0.52/19** feels stronger.]

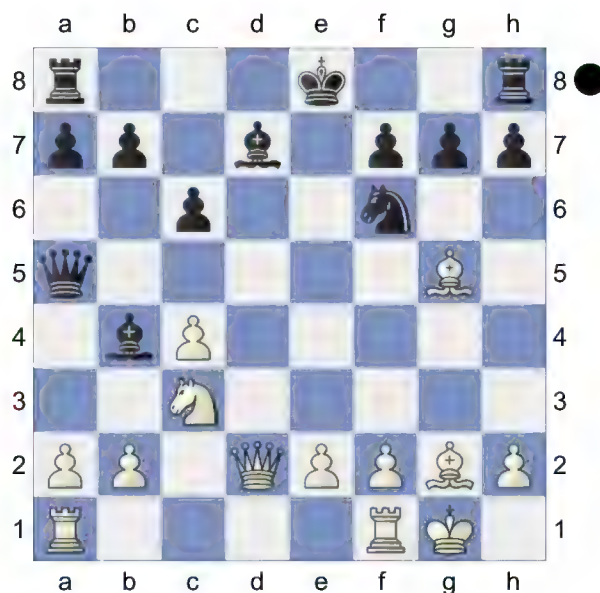


9...Qa5! 10.Qd2 Bb4 -0.62/21

[10...0-0-0 11...Be6 Threatens to win with ...Be6. 11.0-0 Be6]

11.0-0 -0.99/18

[11.Bxf6 12.Qe3+ Qe5 13.Bh3]



11...0-0-0! gave Black a small edge due to his greater activity and kingside chances in Bieninda-Rabiega, Dresden 2000. .

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

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□ **White Develops Classically**

■ **E: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nge2**

[R Palliser, MH]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

Pieniazek, Ar: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E25: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...c5 6 f3 d5 7 cxd5" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5N

[4.Nf3 e4 (4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.g3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Qe7 8.Bg2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Qc2 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qb3 d6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.c5 dxc5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Be4 0-1 (58) Agrest, E (2470)-Pieniazek, A (2405) Polska 56/615 1992) 5.Ng5 (5.d5 exf3 6.dxc6 fxc6 7.cxd7+ Bxd7 8.Bxc6 c6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0-0 The Menagerie-B: 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 2005; 5.Nd2 Bb4 6.e3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 Bf5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Rf4 f5 The Menagerie-B3 Nd2 2005) 5...Bb4 6.d5 Na5 7.Bd2 Nxc4 8.Ngxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 The Menagerie-B2 Ng5 2005]

4...Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Nge2 0.40/19

[Like **6.Bd3** , this is a dangerous system against the King's Indian, and here Black must beware of the knight causing a certain amount of disruption by coming to f5.]

[White should play 6.h4± 0.88/19]

6...Bc5± 7.Ng3

[**7.h3!?** 0.00/20 7.Qc2 0.45 aiming for a fianchetto has also been tried, when

A) Black should prefer **7...0-0** 8.g3 -0.16/22 (8.Ng3± 0.33/18) 8...a6 9.Bg2 d6 , intending ...Ne8 and ... f5, along the lines of Kalantarian-Hagesaether.;

B) **7...a6=** 0.00/20 should be considered.;

C) **7...c6** 0.47/18 8.Qb3! -0.46/23 (White should try 8.Ng3± 0.47/18) 8...d6 9.g3 h5?! 10.Bg2 a6 0.22/21 (Δ10...cxd5 -0.30/19 11.exd5 0-0) 11.Bg5= h4 12.0-0-0! -0.60/19 was messy but probably favoured White somewhat in Relange-Chevallier, Cannes 1994. (12.g4± 0.33/19)]

7...d6 8.Be2



Dodges Ng4. The position is equal.

8...h5! 0.58/22 9.Bg5!

[Black aims to show that White's whole concept is too ambitious and hopes for **9.h4** -0.61/23 9.Bg5 0.59 Ng4! ,]

[while **9.Nxh5?** is impossible due to Nxh5 10.Bxh5 Qh4 with a double attack.]

[Much weaker is 9.Bxh5 Nxh5 10.Nxh5 Nh4 $\bar{7}$]

9...Nf4 10.Bf3

[Defending f3 and preparing to utilise the strong pin along the h4-d8 diagonal. Instead **10.Bxf4?** -1.54/21 10.Bf3 0.54 exf4 11.Nf5 is less challenging: 11...Kf8!? is an option, but Black should also be fine after Bxf5 -0.43/23 (11...Ng4 $\bar{7}$ -1.58/20 12.Nd4 Qf6 13.Bxg4 hxg4) 12.exf5 $\bar{7}$ Qd7 13.Qc2 0-0-0 0.16/23 . The strong c5-bishop remains, and White cannot castle long himself due to f2. However, if he has to go short then Black's attack should be the more potent: he enjoys the better bishop and is ready with ...Ng4. (Better is 13...0-0 $\bar{7}$ -0.47/24)]

10...Bg4 ...Nxg2+ is the strong threat.

[Maintaining the kingside pressure. After **10...h4?!** 11.Nge2 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 Black's play has ground to a halt, leaving him to be pushed back slowly on the queenside, whilst the pin remains very strong.]

11.0-0 0.00/25

[11.Bxg4 hxg4 12.0-0 N4h5]

[11.Kf1 $\pm$ 0.61/23]

11...Qd7= 12.Bxg4 Qxg4

[Perhaps not what Black intended, but instead **12...Nxg4?!** 0.63/21 12...Qxg4 0.00 13.Qf3! h4? 2.35/21 (13...f6 $\pm$ 0.60/18 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Qxf4 h4) 14.Nf5 effectively refuted Black's whole concept in Brandhorst-Shipman, correspondence 1994.]

[However, Brandhorst's alternative suggested improvement of **12...hxg4!?**

may just about work due to 13.Nf5 N6h5! 14.Qxg4 (14.Na4!?) 14...g6 15.Ne3! f6! 16.Bxf4 Nxf4 with reasonable compensation. The c5 monster bishop remains, whilst White must also be careful with the h-file semi-open. Furthermore, even if the queens come off, Black will still find it much easier than White to generate play, such as with ...f5.]

13.Qxg4 hxg4 The kingside danger might appear to be over for White with the queens off, but now 14 Nf5 is met by 14...N6h5. Thus if he wants to exchange it must be now or never.

14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nf5 a6 A fairly unusual position, but Black is doing reasonably well. The f5-knight may be a monster, but it's not so hard to play around it. Meanwhile Black has two excellent pieces of his own, and he also intends to simply double rooks against h2.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)



E30

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	d5 ¹ Ne5 ²	e3 ³ e6	dxe6 ⁴ fxe6	Nc3 Bc5	Nf3 Nxf3+	gxf3 d5	cxd5 exd5	Be2 Bh3 ⁵
2	... ...	b3 e6	dxe6 ⁶ Bb4+	Bd2 Qe7	Bxb4 Qxb4+	Qd2 Qxd2+	Nxd2 fxe6	g3 0-0 ⁷
3	Nc3 e5 ⁸	dxe5 ⁹ Nxe5	e3 ¹⁰ Bc5 ¹¹	Be2 0-0	Nf3 d6	0-0 a5	b3 Bf5	Bb2 Qe7 ¹²
4	... ...	d5 Ne7	e4 ¹³ Ng6 ¹⁴	Be3 ¹⁵ Bb4	Bd3 ¹⁶ b6 ¹⁷	f3 Nh5	Nge2 0-0	0-0 Bc5 ¹⁸
5	... ...	... ...	... ...	... h5	h3 Bb4	Bd3 h4	Qc2 b6	Nge2 Qe7 ¹⁹
6	... ...	... ...	... ...	Nf3 Bc5 ²⁰	Be2 a5	0-0 d6	Bg5 h6	Bd2 0-0 ²¹
7	... ...	... ...	... ...	Bd3 Bc5	h3 a5	Na4 Bb4+	Kf1 b6	Be3 d6 ²²
8	... ...	... ...	h4 Neg8 ²³	Nf3 Ng4	Qc2 Bc5	Ne4 Bb4+	Nfd2 f5	Ng5 Bxd2+ ²⁴

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9			Nf3 Ng6 ²⁵	h4 ²⁶ h5	Bg5 Be7 ²⁷	e3 d6	Bd3 Nf8	Nd2 N8d7 ²⁸
10	Nf3 d6 ²⁹	Nc3 ³⁰ g6 ³¹	d5 Nb8	e4 Bg7	Be2 Bg4	0-0 0-0	Be3 Nfd7	Rc1 c5 ³²
11	... e6	e3 ³³ Bb4+	Nbd2 ³⁴ Ne4 ³⁵	Bd3 Nxd2	Bxd2 Qe7	0-0 0-0	Bc1 d5	Qc2 h6 ³⁶
12		a3 d5 ³⁷	Nc3 ³⁸ g6 ³⁹	e3 ⁴⁰ Bg7	b4 0-0	Bb2 b6	cx d5 Nxd5	Nxd5 Qxd5 ⁴¹
13			cx d5 ex d5	Nc3 Ne4	Qb3 Nxc3	Qxc3 Bd6	Bg5 f6	Bh4 Ne7 ⁴²
14		... g6	Nc3 ⁴³ Bg7	d5 Ne7	e4 d6	Be2 0-0	0-0 Re8 ⁴⁴	Qc2 ex d5 ⁴⁵
15		... d6	Nc3 ⁴⁶ g6 ⁴⁷	e4 ⁴⁸ Bg7	Be2 ⁴⁹ 0-0	0-0 Re8 ⁵⁰	Be3 ⁵¹ e5	dx e5 ⁵² dx e5 ⁵³
16				g3 Bg7	Bg2 0-0	0-0 e5 ⁵⁴	d5 ⁵⁵ Nb8	e4 ⁵⁶ a5 ⁵⁷
17		Nc3 d6 ⁵⁸	h3 ⁵⁹ g6	e4 Bg7	Bg5 h6	Be3 e5	d5 Ne7	Qc1 a6 ⁶⁰
18		... Bb4	Bd2 ⁶¹ 0-0 ⁶²	e3 ⁶³ d6	Qc2 ⁶⁴ e5	a3 Bxc3 ⁶⁵	Bxc3 Qe7	Be2 ⁶⁶ Bg4 ⁶⁷
19			... d5	e3 ⁶⁸ 0-0	a3 ⁶⁹ Bxc3	Bxc3 Ne4	Qc2 a5	b3 f5 ⁷⁰
20			Qc2 d6 ⁷¹	Bd2 ⁷² 0-0 ⁷³	a3 Bxc3	Bxc3 a5	e4 ⁷⁴ Re8	e5 dx e5 ⁷⁵
21		g3 d5 ⁷⁶	Bg2 ⁷⁷ dxc4 ⁷⁸	0-0 Rb8	Nc3 ⁷⁹ b5 ⁸⁰	Ne5 Nxe5	dx e5 Nd7	Qc2 Bc5N ⁸¹
22		... Bb4+	Nbd2 0-0 ⁸²	Bg2 d6	0-0 e5 ⁸³	Nb3 ex d4	Nfx d4 Ne5	Qc2 c6 ⁸⁴

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
23	...	...	...	...	0-0	Nb1	Nc3	cx d5
	...	...	...	Re8	Bf8	d5	Na5	ex d5 ⁸⁵
24	...	...	...	Bg2 ⁸⁶	0-0	Nc4	Bxb2	Qb3
	...	...	d5	dxc4	c3	cx b2	0-0	a5 ⁸⁷
25	...	...	Bd2	Nbxd2	Bg2	0-0 ⁸⁹	Nb1 ⁹⁰	Nc3
	...	...	Bxd2+ ⁸⁸	d6	0-0	e5	Re8	e4 ⁹¹
26	...	...	...	Qxd2	Bg2	Nc3	Nd5	cx d5
	...	...	...	d6	Qe7	e5	Nxd5	Nxd4 ⁹²
27	...	...	...	Bg2 ⁹³	Nbxd2 ⁹⁵	0-0	e4	d5
	...	...	Qe7	Bxd2+ ⁹⁴	d6	0-0 ⁹⁶	e5	Nb8 ⁹⁷
28	...	...	...	a3	Qxd2 ⁹⁸	Bg2	0-0	d5
	...	...	...	Bxd2+	0-0	d6	e5	Nb8 ⁹⁹
29	...	...	...	Bg2	0-0	e3!? ¹⁰²	h3	Bxf3
	...	...	a5	d6 ¹⁰⁰	e5 ¹⁰¹	Bg4N ¹⁰³	Bxf3	Bxd2 ¹⁰⁴
30	...	Bg5	Bh4 ¹⁰⁶	Nc3	Bg3	Rc1 ¹⁰⁷	e3	h4
	...	h6 ¹⁰⁵	Bb4+	g5	Ne4	d5	h5	g4 ¹⁰⁸

¹ **3.f3** e5 4.d5 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Ne7 7.e4 d6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne2 c5 10.0-0 a6 11.a3 Nd7 12.b4 f5 13.Kh1 b6 14.Nbc3 Nf6 15.Rab1 fxe4 16.fxe4 Qc7 17.Ng3 Bd7 18.b5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 Rxa3 21.Rfb1 Ng4 22.Be2 h5 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qg5 Rf6 25.Qxg4 Rg6 26.Qd1 Rh6 27.Kg1 Nc8 28.Qg4 Rf6 29.Nf5 Kf8 30.Rxb6 Nxb6 31.Rxb6 Ra1+ 32.Kf2 g6 33.Qg5 Rxf5+ 34.exf5 Qxb6 35.Qf6+ Ke8 36.Qe6+ Kd8 37.f6 Qb2+ 38.Kg3 Ra3+ 39.Kh4 Qf2+ 40.Kg5 Qxg2+ 41.Kh6 Qxh2+ 42.Kg7 Ra7+ 43.f7 Qh4 44.Qe8+ Kc7 45.f8Q Kb6+ 46.Qff7 Rxf7+ 47.Kxf7 Qxc4 48.Qb8+ Ka5 49.Qxd6 e4 50.Qe6 Kb4 51.d6

e3 52.d7 e2 53.Qxc4+ Kxc4 54.d8Q e1Q 55.Kxg6 Qg1+ 56.Kh7 Qh2+ 57.Kg8 Qg3+ 58.Kh7 Qh3+ 59.Kg8 Qg4+ 60.Kf8 Qf5+ 61.Kg8 Qd5+

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3.e3 e6

[3...d6 4.Bd3 e5 5.Ne2 g6 6.Nbc3 Bg7 7.d5 Ne7 8.e4 0-0 9.f3 a5 10.Be3 Nh5 11.Qd2 f5 12.0-0-0 Nf6 13.Kb1 a4 14.a3 Bd7 15.Nc1 fxe4 16.fxe4 Ng4 17.Bg1 Bh6 18.Qe2 Nf6 19.h3 Nh5 20.Bh2 Nf4 21.Qc2 c5 22.Rdf1 Qa5 23.Rhg1 Rab8 24.N1e2 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 b5 26.cxb5 Bxb5 27.Nxb5 Rxb5 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Nc3 Rb8 30.Rf1 Nc8 31.Qf3 Nb6

32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.Qf6+ Bg7 36.Qxd6 Re8 37.Rf7 Nc4 38.Qd7 Nxa3+ 39.Ka2 Rb8 40.Rxg7 Rxb2+ 41.Kxb2 Qb4+ 42.Ka2 Qb3+ 43.Ka1 Nc2# 0-1 (43) [Buscar,M \(2041\)-Klugin,K \(2390\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)]

4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d6 8.Be2 e5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.b4 exd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.d5 Ne5 14.Bb2 Qg5 15.f3 Bd3 16.f4 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qg4 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.h3 Qg6 20.f5 Qh5 21.f6 Rfe8 22.Rae1 gxf6 23.Qf2 Qg6 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Qxf6 Qxf6 27.Rxf6 Re4 28.c5 Kg7 29.Rf3 Rd4 30.cxd6 cxd6 31.Rc3 Rxd5 32.Rc7 Rb5 33.Kf2 Kf6 34.Ke3 a5 35.bxa5 Rxa5 36.Rxb7 Rxa3+ 37.Kf4 Ra4+ 38.Ke3 h5 39.Rb5 h4 40.Kf3 Ke6 41.Rb6 Ke5 42.Rb7 Ke6 43.Rb6 f5 44.Rb8 Ra3+ 45.Kf4 Ra4+ 46.Kf3 Ra3+ 47.Kf4 Rg3 48.Re8+ Kd5 49.Rh8 Rxg2 50.Kxf5 Rf2+ 51.Kg5 Ke4 52.Rxh4+ Ke3 53.Rh6 d5 54.Rd6 d4 55.h4 d3 56.h5 Rg2+ 57.Kf6 Rg4 58.h6 Rh4 59.Kg7 d2 60.Rxd2 Kxd2 61.h7 Rg4+ 62.Kf7 Rf4+ 63.Kg7 Rg4+ 64.Kf7 Rh4 65.Kg7 Ke3 66.h8Q Rxh8 67.Kxh8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (67) [Olhovik,A \(2283\)-Klugin,K \(2389\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

3.a3 e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.Nc3 Ng6 6.h4 h5 7.e3 a5 8.Bd3 Ne7 9.Nf3 d6 10.Qc2 Neg8 11.Ng5 Nh6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Nce4 Nc5 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.f4 Bf6 17.Rae1 Qe7 18.Bc3 Ng4 19.Bf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 e4 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Qe5 Rd8 23.Qc3 b6 24.f5 0-0 25.Rf4 Rfe8 26.Kf2 Qe5 27.Qxe5 Rxe5 28.Ke2 Rde8 29.Kd2 R8e7 30.Kc3 a4 31.Rd1 Ne8 32.b3 axb3 33.Kxb3 Nd6 34.Rdf1 Re8 35.f6 g6

36.g4 hxg4 37.Rxg4 Rf5 38.Rxf5 Nxf5 39.h5 Nxe3 40.hxg6 Nxg4 41.gxf7+ Kf8 42.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 43.Nxe4 Kf7 44.Ka4 Ne3 45.Kb5 Nc2 46.Kc6 Nxa3 47.Kxc7 Nxc4 48.d6 Nxd6 49.Kxd6 c4 50.Ke5 b5 51.Nd6+ Kf8 52.Nxb5 Kf7 53.Nd6+ 1-0 (53) [Ubiennykh,E \(2257\)-Rakshitta,R \(2245\) Samarkand 2023](#)

3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Ne4 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 0-0 8.d5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne7 10.e4 d6 11.Be2 c6 12.0-0 cxd5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.exd5 Bf5 15.Kh1 Qc7 16.Rc1 Rac8 17.c4 Rfe8 18.Nd4 Be4 19.Nb5 Qc5 20.Bg4 Nf5 21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.Nd4 Be4 23.Qd2 a6 24.Rfd1 Re7 25.f5 Re5 26.Qf4 Rce8 27.f6 gxf6 28.Qxf6 Bg6 29.h3 Qb4 30.Rb1 Bxb1 31.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 32.Kh2 Qg6 0-1 (32) [Senft,S \(2054\)-Klugin,K \(2413\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

² **3...Na5** 4.Qc2 b6 5.e4 e6 6.e5 Nh5 7.g4 Nf6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Nc3 Nxc4 10.Bxc4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.g5 Qf5 14.Bd3 Qe5 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.dxe6 dxe6 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Rxd6 Bxd6 19.Be4 c5 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Qe4 f5 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.g6 Rxb7 24.Qh7# 1-0 (24) [Pert,M \(1923\)-Anisimov,A Hull 2024](#)

³ **4.Qd4** d6 5.Nc3 c5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Qd2 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.e3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qd7 13.h4 Qf5 14.Bg2 Rfd8 15.f4 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Nd5 e4 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.0-0-0 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxf2 21.Qd2 Qg3 22.Bxe4 Qe5 23.Bb1 Rd8 0-1 (23) [Concio,M \(2401\)-Aravindh,C \(2662\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

4.Qc2 e6 5.e4 Bc5 6.Nh3 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8

10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Ng6 12.Bg3 Bxh3
13.gxh3 Qe7 14.f3 Nh5 15.0-0-0 Qg5+
16.Kb1 Nxc3 17.hxc3 Qxc3 18.Na4
Be3 19.Qxc7 Re7 20.Qc3 Bg5 21.Qb3
Nf4 22.Nc3 Rc8 23.Qc2 Bf6 24.Rdg1
Qf2 25.Rf1 Qb6 26.Ka1 Rxc3 27.bxc3
Nxe2

0-1 (27) [Hamdouchi,A \(2213\)-
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4.Nd2 e6 5.e4 Bc5 6.h3 exd5
7.cxd5 d6 8.Ngf3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 0-0
10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 Ne5 12.Qg3 Nxd3
13.Qxd3 f5 14.b3 Qf6 15.Rb1 Qg6
16.Bb2 fxe4 17.Qc3 Bf5 18.Rbe1
Rae8 19.b4 Bb6 20.Nc4 e3 21.fxe3
Bxh3 22.Qxg7+ Qxg7 23.Bxg7 Rxf1+
24.Rxf1 Kxg7 25.gxh3 Bxe3+ 26.Kg2
Bd4 27.Rd1 Bf6 28.Rd2 Bc3 29.Rc2
Bxb4 30.Rb2 Bc5 31.Rxb7 Re7 32.Kf3
Kf6 33.a4 Kf5 34.a5 Re4 35.Nb2
Re3+ 36.Kg2 Re7 37.Kf3 h5 38.Nc4
Re4 39.Nb2 Re3+ 40.Kg2 Kf4 41.Rb8
Ra3 42.Rf8+ Ke4 43.Re8+ Kxd5
44.Re7 Ra2 45.Re2 Bd4 46.Rd2 Rxb2

0-1 (46) [Matveeva,O \(2182\)-
Rakshitta,R \(2322\) Chess.com INT
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4.Nc3 e6

[4...Nxc4 5.e4 c6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bd3
Qb6 8.Be3 Qb7 9.Nf3 cxd5 10.Qc2
Rb8 11.Bf4 d6 12.Bxb5+ Bd7
13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.exd5 Nf6 15.Rd1
Qb6 16.0-0 Qb4 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6
gxf6 19.Rfe1 Rg8 20.Qa4+ Qxa4
21.Nxa4 Rb4 22.b3 Rbg4 23.g3 h5
24.h4 f5 25.Kg2 Rf4 26.Rd4 Rfg4
27.Rxg4 Rxg4 28.Ng5 f4 29.Nh7
Bg7 30.Re4 f5 31.Rc4 Be5 32.Ng5
Kd7 33.Nf3 Bf6 34.Rxf4 Rg6
35.Rxf5 e5 36.dxe6+ Kxe6 37.Rxh5
d5 38.Nc5+ Kd6 39.Nd3 d4 40.a3
Rg8 41.b4 Ke7 42.a4 Kf7 43.Rf5
Ke6 44.Ra5 Ra8 45.b5 Bd8

46.Ra6+ Bb6 47.a5 Rb8 48.axb6
axb6 49.Nxd4+ Kd5 50.Nc6 Rb7
51.h5 Ke4 52.Nf4 Kf5 53.h6 Kf6
54.h7 Kg7 55.Ra7 Rxa7 56.Nxa7
Kxh7 57.Nc8 Kg7 58.Nxb6 Kf7
59.Nbd5 Ke8 60.g4 Kf8 61.b6 Ke8
62.b7 Kd8 63.b8Q+ Kd7 64.Qb6
Ke8 65.Qc7 Kf8 66.Nh5 Kg8
67.Qg7#

1-0 (67) [Koritiake,S-De
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5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 exd5 7.cxd5 0-0
8.Bf4 Ng6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6
11.0-0-0 c6 12.Nf3 d6 13.Be2 Bg4
14.Kb1 Rac8 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Nd4
Bd7 17.Ba6 Rb8 18.Rhf1 Rb6 19.Bc4
Ne5 20.Bb3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.Nf3
Bg4 23.Rd5 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rfb8
25.Rfd1 c4 26.Bc2 Rxb2+ 27.Qxb2
Rxb2+ 28.Kxb2 Nd3+ 29.Ka3 Qb2+
30.Ka4 Qb4# 0-1 (30) [Lymar,V \(2179\)-
Klugin,K \(2413\) Chess.com INT
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⁴ **5.Nc3** Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3
8.Bxc3 d6 9.Be2 exd5 10.cxd5 Bf5
11.Nf3 Be4 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Bc4 Qe7
14.Rc1 Ng4 15.h3 N4e5 16.Nxe5
Nxe5 17.Be2 Qg5 18.f3 Qxe3+
19.Kh1 Bg6 20.Bd4 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6
22.fxe5 Be4 23.Bf3 dxe5 24.Bxe5
Bxf3 25.Qxf3 f6 26.Bxc7 1-0 (26)
[Kanyamarala,T \(2294\)-Pragnya,H
\(1900\) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024](#)

5.f4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nxd2
Ng6 8.Qf3 d6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.Bd3
Qe7 11.h4 0-0 12.h5 Nh8 13.Ne2 Nf7
14.g4 h6 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.Qg3 Nb4
17.Bb1 d5 18.a3 dxe4 19.axb4 Qxb4+
20.Kf2 Qxb2 21.Bxe4 Qf6 22.Kg2 Nd6
23.Bd3 Bd7 24.Rhg1 Bc6+ 25.Kh3
Rad8 26.Nd4 Ne4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4
28.c5 a6 29.Raf1 Qf7 30.Qh4 Rd5
31.g5 Bf5+ 32.Kh2 hxc3 33.Rxc3 Qf6

34.Rfg1 Kh8 35.h6 gxh6 36.Rg8+ Kh7
37.Qxf6 Rxc8 38.Qf7+ 1-0 (38)
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⁵ **11.Rg1** Qd7 12.Nb5 0-0-0 13.a3
a6 14.Nd4 Rhe8 15.b4 Bb6 16.Bb2
Kb8 17.Qd3 c5 18.bxc5 Bxc5 19.Rg5
Bb6 20.Bc3 Rc8 21.Rb1 Ka7 22.Bd2
g6 23.Rg3 Rc7 24.Rxb6 Kxb6 25.Nb3
Rc4 26.Na5 Rec8 27.Qb3+ Ka7
28.Rxh3 b6 29.Rg3 bxa5 30.Bxc4
dxc4 31.Qc3 Nd5 32.Qd4+ Nb6
33.Bc3 Qxd4 34.Bxd4 c3 35.Kd1 c2+
36.Kc1 Kb7 37.Bxb6 Kxb6 38.Rg4
Rc3 39.a4 Kc5 40.Rd4 g5 41.Rd7
Kb4 42.Rxh7 Kxa4 43.Rg7 Rc5
44.Rb7 Ka3 45.Rb2 a4 46.Rxc2 Rf5
47.Rc3+ Kb4 48.Rc6 Rxf3 49.Rc2 a3
50.Kb1 Kb3 51.Rd2 a5 52.Rd3+ Kb4
53.Rd2 Kb3 54.Rd3+ Kb4 55.Rd4+
Kc3 56.Ra4 Kb3 57.Rxa5 Rxf2
58.Rb5+ Ka4 59.Rxc5 Rxh2 60.Rc5
Rh1+ 61.Ka2 Rh2+ 62.Kb1 Kb4
63.Rc8 Rh1+ 64.Ka2 Rh2+ 65.Kb1
Re2 66.Rb8+ Kc4 67.Rc8+ Kd3
68.Ra8 a2+ 69.Rxa2 Re1+ 70.Kb2
Re2+ 71.Kb1 Rxa2 72.Kxa2 Kxe3
½-½ (72) Nigalidze,G (2373)-
Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT
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⁶ **5.Bb2** Ng6 6.a3 exd5 7.cxd5 Bc5
8.e3 0-0 9.Nf3 d6 10.Be2 a6 11.Nbd2
Re8 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.b4
Ba7 15.Qb3 Nh4 16.b5 a5 17.Rac1
h5 18.N2f3 Ng4 19.h3 Ne5 20.Nxe5
Rxe5 21.Nf3 Re8 22.Nxh4 Qxh4
23.Rxc7 Bxh3 24.gxh3 Rxe3 25.Rc3
Rxe2 26.b6 a4 27.Qb5 Qg5+ 28.Rg3
Qd2 29.Bxg7 Kh7 30.bxa7 Rg8
31.Qb1+ Qc2 32.Qxc2+ Rxc2 33.Bd4
1-0 (33) Aoshima,M (2385)-

Rodriguez Avila,A (2190) Chess,
com INT 2024

⁷ **11.Bg2** d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Ngf3
Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Re8 15.e3 a5 16.0-0
a4 17.b4 a3 18.Rac1 c6 19.Nd4 Bd7
20.Rfd1 Ra4 21.b5 cxb5 22.Rc7 Rb4
23.Rxb7 Rb2 24.Rc1 Rxa2 25.Rxd7
Rb2 26.Ra7 b4 27.Ra1 Ne4 28.Bxe4
dxe4 29.Nf5 g6 30.Nh6+ Kh8 31.Ng4
a2 32.Nf6 Rb1+ 33.Kg2 1-0 (33) Diaz
Rosas,J (2404)-Goldin,R (2315)
Chess.com INT 2024

⁸ **3...e6** 4.e4
[4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 d5
7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7
10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4
Ne7 13.Qg4+ Kh8 14.Qh5 Kg7
15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Nf5 Bc8 17.Qg7#
1-0 (17) De Souza,A (2113)-Martin
Barcelo,C (2222) Chess.com INT
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4...Bb4 5.f3
[5.e5 Ne4 6.Qd3 d5 7.Nf3 0-0
8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Ba6
11.Qc2 Na5 12.Re1 Bxc4 13.Bd1
c5 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Qb2 Ba6 16.Bc2
Nc4 17.Qb3 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 cxd4
19.cxd4 Qc7 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Rxe4
Bb7 22.Re3 Bd5 23.Qa3 Qb7 24.h4
Rc4 25.Rae1 Rfc8 26.R1e2 Qd7
27.Qd3 h6 28.Nh2 Rc1+ 29.Re1
Qa4 30.Ng4 Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Qc2
32.Qg3 Kf8 33.Re3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2
Rc1 35.Qf4 Qf5 36.Kg3 Rc4
37.Qxf5 exf5 38.Nh2 Rxd4 39.Ra3
a5 40.Rc3 Rc4 41.Rd3 Be6 42.f4
Ke7 43.Nf3 Ra4 44.Rc3 Rxa2
45.Rc7+ Kd8 46.Rb7 Rb2 47.Nd4
Kc8 48.Re7 Bd5 49.Nxf5 Rxc2+
50.Kh3 Rc2 51.Nd6+ Kb8 52.Nxf7
a4 53.Nd6 a3 54.Re8+ Ka7

55.Re7+ Ka6 56.Rxg7 a2 57.Rg1 Rb2 58.Ra1 Rb1 59.Rxa2+ Bxa2 60.Kg4 Rg1+ 61.Kf5 b5 62.e6 Re1 63.Ne4 Bxe6+ 64.Kxe6 Rxe4+ 65.Kf5 Re1 66.Kg6 b4 67.f5 b3 68.f6 b2 69.f7 Rf1 70.f8Q Rxf8 0-1 (70) Zemlyanskii,I (2492)-Klugin, K (2390) Chess.com INT 2024]

5...d6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Bg5 Ne8 11.g4 f6 12.Be3 g6 13.Qd2 Kh8 14.0-0-0 a6 15.h4 Bd7 16.h5 g5 17.Kb1 Qb8 18.Rc1 c6 19.c5 b5 20.cxd6 Nxd6 21.Bc5 Nec8 22.Be2 Rd8 23.dxc6 Bxc6 24.Rhd1 Rd7 25.Qe3 Nb7 26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.Nd5 Kg7 28.Bb4 Nbd6 29.Rc7 1-0 (29) Berdayes Ason,D (2509)-Gongora Montes,B (2167) Merida 2023

3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3

[5...Nf6 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.d5 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Nxb5 axb5 11.Bxb5 Qd6 12.Bxc6+ Nd7 13.Bxa8 Qb4+ 14.Qd2 Qb8 15.Bc6 Qd8 16.g4 Bg6 17.h4 f6 18.h5 Bf7 19.Qa5 e5 20.dxe6 Bxe6 21.Bf4 Qe7 22.Bxc7 g5 23.hxg6 h6 24.Qa8+ Qd8 25.Qxd8# 1-0 (25) Pitel,D (1569)-Copland,G (590) Hull 2024]

6.bxc3 e5 7.d5 Nb8 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Be2 Nd7 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0 Qe7 12.Qc2 b6 13.a4 a5 14.Nd2 Bc5 15.Nc4 Ba6 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Ne3 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Rad8 19.Rfd1 g6 20.Nc4 Rd7 ½-½ (20) Tang,Z (2239)-Boros,D (2403) Las Vegas 2024

⁹ **4.e3** Bb4

[4...exd4 5.exd4 Bb4 6.Nf3 d5 7.h3 h6 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Ne5 Na5 13.Bd3 b6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.Qg4 Bxe5 18.dxe5

Qc8 19.e6 fxe6 20.Bxh6 Qd7 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.Re2 Nd6 23.Rae1 Nf5 24.Bg5 Qd5 25.b3 Nd4 26.Re5 Qd7 27.Qe4 a5 28.Bc1 Rf6 29.Bb2 c5 30.Rd1 Rd8 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Rd3 Qd6 33.a4 Kf7 34.g4 g6 35.h4 Ke7 36.Rg5 Rf4 37.Qxg6 Rxf2 38.Qh7+ Rf7 39.Rg7 Rxg7 40.Qxg7+ Ke8 41.Rf3 Qe7 42.Qh8+ Kd7 43.Qxd4+ Kc7 44.Qf4+ Kc8 45.Qc4+ Kb7 46.Qe4+ Kb8 47.Qf4+ Ka8 48.g5 Qc5+ 49.Kg2 Qc2+ 50.Rf2 Qb1 51.Re2 Qa1 52.Qe4+ Ka7 53.Qxe6 Rd1 54.Qf7+ Ka6 55.Qc4+ Kb7 56.Re7+ Kb8 57.Qc7+ Ka8 58.Qb7# 1-0 (58) Yossen,A (1867)-Elman,C (1988) Buenos Aires 2024]

5.Nf3

[5.Nge2 d5 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 d4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Be2 Nxd4 12.0-0 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 Bg4 14.Ng3 Re8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Qxb2 19.c5 Be6 20.c6 Qc3 21.cxb7 Qxe1+ 0-1 (21) Buscar, M (2041)-Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024]

5...d6 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 dxe5 8.Qa4+ c6 9.Qxb4 Be6 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Be2 a5 12.Qc5 Nd7 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qa3 Kg8 16.Bc3 f6 17.Rd1 h5 18.c5 h4 19.h3 Qc7 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Rh6 22.Nd6 Rg6 23.Qb3+ Kh7 24.Qc4 Rh6 25.Qe4+ Kg8 26.0-0 Rf8 27.Rd2 Kh8 28.Nf5 Rh7 29.Nxh4 Nxc5 30.Ng6+ Kg8 31.Qc4+ Qf7 32.Ne7+ Kh8 33.Qxc5 1-0 (33) Korchynskyi,M (2297)-Kabanov,N (2434) Chess.com INT 2024

4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd2 d5 8.e3 0-0 9.a3 Bc5

10.Be2 Bf5 11.0-0 a5 12.h3 Re8
13.Bf3 h6 14.Rc1 Bd3 15.Re1 Bxc4
16.b3 Bd3 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Rxc5 a4
19.Ba5 Qd6 20.Bb4 Be4 21.bxa4 Bxf3
22.Qxf3 Rxa4 23.Rd1 Qd7 24.Rdc1
Ra7 25.Rc6 Re6 26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Qf4
c6 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Rxc6 Rb7 30.Qc8
Qxc8 31.Rxc8 Kg6 32.f4 Ne4 33.Kf1
Kf5 34.Ke2 g5 35.g4+ Kg6 36.Rg8+
Kh7 37.Rf8 Kg7 38.Re8 Kf7 39.Rf8+
Kg7 40.Rc8 Kg6 41.Kf3 1-0 (41)

Averchenko,S (2164)-Rodriguez
Avila,A (2190) Chess.com INT 2024

¹⁰ **5.Nf3** Nxf3+ 6.exf3
[6.gxf3 d6 7.e4 Be6 8.Qa4+ c6
9.Be3 a6 10.Rd1 b5 11.Qc2 Nd7
12.b3 Ne5 13.Be2 bxc4 14.bxc4
Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Na4 d5
17.Nb2 Qa5+ 18.Rd2 Bb4 19.Nxc4
dxc4 20.Qxc4 Bxd2+ 21.Bxd2 Qb5
22.Qc3 0-0 23.Rg1 f6 24.Rg3 Rad8
25.Qa3 Rf7 26.Qa5 Qb1+
0-1 (26) Siennicki,G (1953)-Cernov,H
(2133) Polanica Zdroj 2024]

6...Bb4 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3
h6 10.Qc2 d6 11.Be3 Be6 12.Rfd1
Qe7 13.Rab1 b6 14.f4 Bg4 15.Re1
Bxe2 16.Rxe2 Qd7 17.Bd4 Nh7
18.Qd3 Rfe8 19.Qg3 f6 20.Qf3 Rxe2
21.Qxa8+ Qe8 22.Qd5+ Qe6 23.Qa8+
Nf8 24.Be3 Rxa2 25.Re1 Qxc4
26.Bd4 Re2 27.Rf1 a5 28.h3 Qb5
29.Qc8 Qd7 30.Qa6 Re8 31.g4 Ne6
32.Be3 Qc6 33.g5 hxg5 34.fxg5 Nxc5
35.Bxc5 fxg5 36.Qd3 Qe4 37.Qd2 Qf5
38.Rc1 Qf4 39.Qd5+ Kh8 40.Rd1 Re2
0-1 (40) Altynbek,A (1990)-Pragnya,
H (2002) Chess.com INT 2024

¹¹ **5...Bb4** 6.Bd2
[6.Qc2 Qe7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 d5
9.Be2 dxc4 10.Nf3 Nd3+ 11.Bxd3

cxd3 12.Qxd3 Bg4 13.Nd4 Rd8
14.Qc4 c5 15.Ne2 0-0 16.0-0 Bf5
17.Qa2 Bd3 18.b3 Rd6 19.Re1
Rfd8 20.f3 Qe5 21.Qb2 Qh5 22.e4
Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Rd3 24.e5 Ne8
25.e6 Rxb3 26.e7 Rdd3 27.Bf4 Qd5
28.a4 Qd4+ 29.Qf2 Qxf4 30.Qxc5
Qd4+ 31.Qxd4 Rxd4 32.Rac1 f6
33.Rc8 Kf7 34.Rec1 Rd7 35.Ra8 a6
36.Kf2 Rxe7 0-1 (36) Ning,I (1958)-
Steadman,M (2072) Palmerston North
2024]

6...0-0 7.Nf3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 d5 9.cxd5
Bg4 10.Qf4 Bd6 11.Qd4 Re8 12.f3
Bh5 13.0-0-0 Be5 14.Qd3 b5 15.Qxb5
Rb8 16.Qa4 Nxd5 17.Bb5 Re6 18.Be1
c6 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.f4 Bxb2+ 21.Kxb2
Bxd1 22.Qxd1 Rxb5+ 23.Ka1 d4
24.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 25.exd4 Re2 26.Bc3
Rc2 27.Re1 h5 28.Re8+ Kh7
0-1 (28) George Micheal,K (2267)-
Vlassov,N (2291) Chess.com INT
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¹² **11.Nd5** Nxd5 12.Qxd5 c6 13.Qd2
h6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.a3 Bg4 16.Nd4
Qh4 17.Bxg4 Qxg4 18.h3 Qg6 19.Kh1
a4 20.f4 axb3 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Qc3
exd4 23.exd4 Qc2 24.Qxc2 bxc2
25.Rd2 Bxa3 26.Rxa3 Rxa3 27.Bxa3
Ra8 28.Bc1 Ra2 29.Kg1 b5 30.d5
cxd5 31.c5 b4 32.c6 b3 33.c7
1-0 (33) Omelja,A (2434)-
Kashtanov,R (2357) Chess.com
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¹³ **5.g3** Ng6 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.e3 a6
8.Nge2 d6 9.a3 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.h3
h5 12.Kh2 h4 13.g4 Nh7 14.f4 exf4
15.exf4 Nf6 16.Nd4 Re8 17.Qd3 Bxg4
18.hxg4 Nxc4+ 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.Nce2
Rxe2 21.Qxe2 Nh6 22.Nb3 Nf5
23.Kh2 Ng3 24.Qf3 Nxf1+ 25.Qxf1

Bd4 26.Nxd4 Qxd4 27.Qg1 Qd3
 28.Be3 Re8 29.Re1 Kh8 30.Qf2 Qxc4
 31.f5 Ne5 32.Qf4 Ng4+ 33.Kh3 Qxf4
 34.Bxf4 Nf2+ 35.Kxh4 Rxe1 36.Bg5
 Re2 37.Bf3 Rxb2 38.f6 gxf6 39.Bxf6+
 Kg8 40.Bxb2 Nd3 41.Bd4 Nc5
 42.Bxc5 dxc5 43.Kg5 Kf8 44.Kf5 Ke7
 45.Ke5 f6+ 46.Kf5 Kd6 47.Kxf6 b5
 48.Kf5 b4 49.axb4 cxb4 50.Ke4 Kc5
 51.Kd3 a5 52.Be4 a4 53.Bf3 Kb5
 54.Kd4 a3 55.d6 cxd6 56.Bd5 Ka4
 57.Bc6+ Ka5 58.Bd5 Kb5 59.Bb3 Ka5
 60.Kd5 Kb5 61.Kxd6 Ka5 62.Kc5 a2
 63.Bxa2 b3 64.Bxb3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (64)

Kurmangaliyeva,L (2240)-Kubatko,I
 (2257) Chess.com INT 2024

5.Bg5 Ng6 6.e3 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6
 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Qb3 a5 10.Nf3 d6
 11.0-0-0 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Bg4 13.Be2
 Nh4 14.Rhg1 0-0 15.Qc2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3
 Nxf3 17.gxf3 Qxf3 18.Rg3 Qh5
 19.Rdg1 g6 20.f4 Kh8 21.f5 Qxf5
 22.Qxf5 gxf5 23.Rh3 Kh7 24.Rg5 f4
 25.exf4 f5 26.fxe5 dxe5 27.Rhh5 f4
 28.Rxe5 f3 29.Re1 f2 30.Rf1 Rae8
 31.Kd2 Re4 32.b3 a4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (32)

Demirkol,K (1841)-Milat,M (2169)
 Ponte de Lima 2024

¹⁴ **5...d6** 6.h4 g6 7.Be2 h5 8.Bg5
 Nfg8 9.Qd2 Bh6 10.0-0-0 f6 11.Bxh6
 Nxh6 12.Bd3 Nf7 13.Nge2 c5 14.dxc6
 bxc6 15.c5 Be6 16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Bc2
 Qxd2+ 18.Rxd2 Rd8 19.Rhd1 Rxd2
 20.Rxd2 0-0 21.Na4 Rd8 22.Nc5 Bg4
 23.f3 Bc8 24.Bb3 Kf8 25.Rxd8+ Nxd8
 26.Kd2 Kg7 27.Nc1 g5 28.hxg5 fxg5
 29.N1d3 Kf6 30.Ke3 Ng6 31.Bc4 Ke7
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (31) Ladron de Guevara Pinto,
 P (2394)-Collutiis,D (2334) Vasto
 2024

¹⁵ **6.Bg5** h6 7.Bxf6

[7.Be3 Bb4 8.Bd3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 d6
 10.Ne2 b6 11.0-0 0-0 12.f4 Ng4
 13.Bd2 exf4 14.Nxf4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4
 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Qd2 Nxd3
 18.Qxd3 f5 19.Rae1 fxe4 20.Rxe4
 Bf5 21.Rxe7 Bxd3 22.Rf3 Bxc4
 23.Bxh6 Rxf3 24.Rxg7+ Kh8 25.gxf3
 Rg8 26.Rxg8+ Kxg8 27.a3 Bxd5
 28.Kf2 Be6 29.h4 Kh7 30.Bg5 Kg6
 31.Bd8 c6 32.Bc7 d5 33.Ke3 Kf5
 34.Bf4 Bf7 35.Bg3 a6 36.Kd4 Bh5
 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Kf4 c5 39.Kg5 Bxf3
 40.Bc7 b5 41.Bb6 c4 42.Kf4 Bd1
 43.Ba5 Kf6 44.Bd8+ Kg6 45.Ke5
 Bf3 46.Kd4 Kf5 47.Be7 Ke6 48.Bb4
 Bd1 49.Kc5 Ke5 50.Ba5 Ke4
 51.Bd8 Be2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (51) Corsi,M-
 Tomasi,D (1878) Arco 2024]

7...Qxf6 8.Nf3 Bc5 9.h3 a6 10.Be2 d6
 11.0-0 Nf4 12.a3 Qg6 13.Kh2 Qxg2#
 0-1 (13) Nikolic,R (2219)-Goldin,R
 (2293) Chess.com INT 2024

6.h4 Bc5 7.h5 Ne7 8.h6 g6
 9.Bg5 Nfg8 10.Nf3 d6 11.b4 Bb6
 12.c5 dxc5 13.bxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxe5 f6
 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Qf3 Bd4 17.Bxf6
 Bxc3+ 18.Ke2 Bf5 19.Bg7# 1-0 (19)
 Apaar,S (2169)-Vlassov,N (2299)
 Chess.com INT 2024

6.g3 Bc5 7.Bg2 a5 8.Nge2 d6
 9.0-0 h5 10.h4 Ng4 11.Bd2 Nxh4
 12.Nc1 Qf6 13.Nd3 Ba7 14.gxh4
 Qxh4 15.Re1 Nxf2 16.Nxf2 Qxf2+
 17.Kh2 Qh4+ 0-1 (17) Castellanos
 Hernandez,L (1900)-Vlassov,N
 (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

¹⁶ **7.f3** Bxc3+
 [7...0-0 8.Bd3 d6 9.Nge2 Nh5
 10.0-0 Nh4 11.Kh1 Bc5 12.Qd2 f5
 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.Bxc5
 dxc5 16.Ng3 Rf7 17.Nge4 Nh5
 18.Nxc5 Qh4 19.N5e4 h6 20.Ne2

Meyer,S (1866) Stavanger 2024

Raf8 21.Qe3 Kh8 22.Kg1 a6 23.b3
Nh4 24.Nxf4 Nxf4 25.Rad1 Qh5
26.Rde1 Qg6 27.Qd2 Rf5 28.Kh1
Rh5 29.Rf2 Rhf5 30.Ng3 Rg5
31.Ne4 Rgf5 32.Qc2 Rh5 33.Nc5
Qg3 34.h3 Nxh3 35.gxh3 Rxh3+
36.Rh2 Qxe1+ 0-1 (36) Cam,V (1927)-
Donmez,Y (1941) Bitlis 2024]

8.bxc3 0-0

[8...d6 9.c5 0-0 10.Ne2 Nd7
11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Ng3 Qa5 13.Nf5
Qc7 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Ng3 Nf4
16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qxf4 f5 18.Be2
fxe4 19.Qe3 Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 Qxc3+
21.Kf2 exd3 22.Rad1 Bd7 23.Rxd3
Qc4 24.Rd2 b6 25.Qd4 Qc7 26.Re1
Rae8 27.Rxe8 Bxe8 28.Qe3 Bg6
29.h4 Re8 30.Qd4 h5 31.Ne2 Qe7
32.Qf4 Bd3 33.Qg5 Qxg5 34.hxg5
Bxe2 35.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Kf7
37.g3 Kg6 38.f4 Kf5 39.Kf3 b5
40.Ke3 a5 41.Kf3 a4 42.Ke3 b4
43.Kd3 b3 44.axb3 axb3 45.Kc3
Ke4 46.Kxb3 Kxd5 47.Kc3 Ke4
48.Kc4 d5+ 49.Kc3 d4+ 50.Kd2 h4
51.gxh4 Kxf4 52.g6 Kg4 53.Kd3
Kxh4 54.Kxd4 Kg5 55.Ke4 Kxg6
56.Kf3 Kf5 57.Kg3 Kg5 58.Kh3 Kf4
59.Kg2 Kg4 60.Kf2 Kh3 61.Kf1 g5
62.Kf2 g4 63.Kg1 Kg3 64.Kh1 Kf2
65.Kh2 g3+ 66.Kh3 g2 67.Kg4
g1Q+ 68.Kf5 Ke3 69.Ke6 Ke4
70.Kf6 Qg4 71.Kf7 Ke5 72.Ke7
Qg7+ 73.Kd8 Kd6 74.Ke8 Qg8#
0-1 (74) Aldar,B (1927)-Mahindrakar,I
(2000) Muscat 2023]

9.Ne2 d6 10.Qd2 Nh5 11.0-0-0 c5
12.g4 Nf6 13.h4 Nxh4 14.Rxh4 Nxe4
15.Qe1 Ng5 16.Rh5 f6 17.Bg2 a6
18.Qd2 h6 19.Rdh1 b5 20.Qc2 bxc4
21.Rxh6 Kf7 22.Qg6+ Ke7 23.Bxg5
fxg5 24.Qxg7+ Rf7 25.Qxg5+ Kd7
26.Rxd6+ 1-0 (26) Vasilijevic,V (1980)-

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7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Nf3

[9.h3 Nh4 (9...b6 10.Ne2 0-0
11.g4 Nh4 12.Kd2 Nd7 13.Ng3 Ng2
14.Qf3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Nc5 16.Be2
Qh4 17.Kc2 Kh8 18.Nf1 f6 19.Nd2
Qg5 20.Qxg5 fxg5 21.f3 Bd7
22.Nb3 Nb7 23.h4 gxh4 24.Rxh4
Be8 25.Rah1 Bg6 26.Rb1 Nd8
27.Nd2 Nf7 28.Kd3 Rab8 29.Ke3
Kg8 30.Rh2 Ng5 31.Rhh1 Kf7
32.Bd1 Ke7 33.Ba4 Rf4 34.Rhg1
Rbf8 35.Rg3 Nf7 36.Rh3 h6 37.Bb5
Nd8 38.Rb3 a5 39.Rh2 Nb7 40.Rb2
Nc5 41.Rh1 Rh8 42.Rbb1 Rhf8
43.Rh3 R8f6 44.g5 hxg5 45.Rg1 g4
46.Rhg3 Bh5 47.fxg4 Bg6 48.g5
Rf8 49.Rg4 Bxe4 50.R1g3 Bg6
51.Rg2 Bh5 52.R4g3 Bg6 53.Rg4
Rxc4 54.Rxc4 Rh8 55.Nf3 Rh3
56.Rh4 Rxh4 57.Nxh4 Bb1 58.a3
Ne4 59.Nf3 Nxc3 60.Bc6 Ne4 61.g6
Kf6 62.Be8 Ng3 63.Kf2 Nh5 64.Nh4
Nf4 0-1 (64) Foltin,A (1722)-Kostak,T
(2094) Ostfildern 2024) 10.Kf1 h6
11.g3 Ng6 12.Kg2 0-0 13.Ne2 Nd7
14.f4 exf4 15.Nxf4 Nge5 16.Rf1 b6
17.Bd4 a5 18.Qe2 Qe8 19.Rf2 Nc5
20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Raf1 Qa4 22.Bc2
Qxc4 23.Qxc4 Nxc4 24.Re1 Bd7
25.Nd3 f6 26.Bb3 Nb6 27.Nf4 Rfe8
28.Bd1 c6 29.Bh5 Re5 30.Rd1 cxd5
31.exd5 Bf5 32.Bf3 Nc4 33.Kh2
Rb8 34.g4 Bd7 35.Re2 a4 36.Ng6
Rxe2+ 37.Bxe2 Rb2 38.Re1 Ne5
39.Nxe5 fxe5 40.Kg3 Rxa2 41.Bd3
Rb2 42.Rb1 Rxb1 43.Bxb1 Bb5
44.Ba2 Bd3 45.Kf3 Bc2 0-1 (45)
Escoriza Pons,X (1973)-Navalgund,N
(2149) Sitges 2024]

9...0-0 10.h3 Nh5 11.Nd2 Nh4 12.Bf1
Ne7 13.c5 f5 14.f3 fxe4 15.fxe4

Nexd5 16.Qb3 Be6 17.exd5 Bxd5
18.Bc4 Nxc2+ 19.Ke2 Bxc4+
20.Qxc4+ d5 21.Qg4 Nxe3 22.Kxe3
Qe7 23.Rhf1 Qxc5+ 24.Kd3 e4+
25.Kc2 Qb5 26.Rg1 Qd3+ 27.Kb3
Qb5+ 28.Kc2 Qd3+ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (28) Siegel,A
(2037)-Sergooris,D (1887) Llinars
del Valles 2024

7...0-0 8.Nge2

[8.h3 d6 9.Nge2 a5 10.0-0 Nh5
11.Qd2 h6 12.Kh2 Bc5 13.Bxc5
dxc5 14.g3 Bd7 15.Nd1 Ra6
16.Ne3 Qg5 17.Rad1 Bxh3 18.Kxh3
Nhf4+ 19.Nxf4 exf4 20.Nf5 Qh5+
21.Nh4 Ne5 22.Qxf4 Rf6 23.Be2
Qxe2 24.Qxe5 Rxf2 25.Rxf2 Qxd1
26.Nf5 Qh1+ 27.Rh2 Qf1+ 28.Kh4
f6 29.Qe7 Rf7 30.Qe8+ Rf8 31.Qg6
1-0 (31) Merkouropoulos,D (1698)-
Papadopoulos,P (2141) Thessaloniki
2024]

8...Ng4 9.Qd2 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 d6
11.0-0 Bd7 12.a3 Bc5 13.Qd2 a5
14.Rab1 Qf6 15.b4 Bb6 16.Ng3 Nf4
17.Nd1 h5 18.Ne3 axb4 19.axb4 Ra3
20.Be2 h4 21.Ngf5 Bxf5 22.Nxf5 Qg5
0-1 (22) Rose,D (1866)-Dauner,B
(2390) Magdeburg 2023

¹⁸ **11.Bxc5** bxc5 12.g3 d6 13.f4
Bg4 14.f5 Nh8 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.Nc1
Nd7 17.Qg2 f6 18.h3 Bh5 19.g4 Be8
20.Nb3 g5 21.Kf2 Rf7 22.Rh1 Rg7
23.Qf3 Rb8 24.h4 gxh4 25.Rxh4 Nf7
26.Rah1 Ng5 27.Qe2 Nf8 28.Qc2 c6
29.Nd2 Qa5 30.Nf3 Qc7 31.Nxc5
Rxc5 32.Kf3 Qg7 33.Qh2 Rb7 34.b3
Rc7 35.Qb2 Rb7 36.Qh2 a5 37.Qh3
Rb4 38.Bc2 Rb8 39.Qh2 Rd8 40.Nd1
cxd5 41.cxd5 Rb8 42.Nf2 Bb5 43.Nh3
c4 44.Qd2 cxb3 45.Bxb3 a4 46.Bc2
Be8 47.Nxc5 fxc5 48.Rh6 Rb2 49.Qc3
Rxa2 50.Rxd6 Qa7 51.Rd8 Qe7

52.Rb8 Bf7 53.Bd3 Qd6 54.Rc8 Ra3
55.Qc2 Qb4 56.Rc1 Qd4 57.Rc3 Rxc3
58.Qxc3 Qb6 59.Qc4 Qb2 60.Qc3
Qb6 61.Bc4 Qc5 62.Qe3 Qd6 63.Qc3
h6 64.Ba2 Qb6 65.Qc5 Qb2 66.Rc2
Qa1 67.Qc3 Qf1+ 68.Ke3 Qf4+
69.Ke2 Qxe4+ 70.Qe3 Qxc4+ 71.Kd2
Qxf5 72.d6 Bxa2 73.Rxa2 Qe6
74.Rxa4 Qxd6+ 75.Ke2 Qf6 76.Ra8
Kg7 77.Qb3 Ne6 78.Ra7+ Kg6
79.Qb7 Nd4+ 80.Kd3 Qf5+ 81.Kc4
Qe6+ 82.Kd3 Kh5 83.Qf7+ Qxf7
84.Rxf7 Kg4 85.Ke4 h5 86.Kxe5 Nf3+
87.Ke4 Ng1 88.Ke3 Nh3 89.Ke2 h4
90.Kf1 Nf4 91.Kg1 Kg3 92.Ra7 Nh3+
93.Kh1 Nf2+ 94.Kg1 Ne4 95.Ra3+ Kf4
96.Kg2 g4 97.Kh2 Ng5 98.Ra4+ Kf5
99.Ra5+ Kf4 100.Ra4+ Ne4 101.Kg2
h3+ 102.Kh2 Kf3 103.Ra3+ Ke2
104.Ra4 Ke3 105.Ra3+ Kf4 106.Ra4
Kf5 107.Ra5+ Kg6 108.Ra4 Kf5
109.Ra5+ Kf4 110.Ra4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (110)
Senft,S (2107)-Bartel,M (2657)
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¹⁹ **11.a3** Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 d6 13.0-0-0
a5 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.Bc2 Ba6 16.Qc3
b5 17.Qxa5 bxc4 18.Ba4 0-0 19.Bc6
Nf4 20.Bxf4 Nc5 21.Qc3 exf4 22.Bxa8
Qxe4 23.Nd4 Rxa8 24.Rhe1 Qh7
25.Re7 Rb8 26.Rxc7 Rb3 27.Qc2 Rd3
28.Rxd3 cxd3 29.Qd2 Qe4 30.Rxc5
dxc5 31.Nf3 Qxd5 32.Qxf4 Qb3
33.Qd2 Qa2 34.Qc3 Qa1+ 35.Kd2 Qf1
36.Qxc5 Qe2+ 37.Kc1 Bb7 38.Kb1 d2
39.Nxd2 Qxd2 40.Qc7 Be4+ 41.Ka1
Qd1+ 42.Ka2 Bd5+ 0-1 (42) Butenandt,
S (2126)-Dolzhikova,K (2340)
Ostfildern 2024

²⁰ **6...Bb4** 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2
[8.Bd2 d6 9.0-0 (9.a3 Bxc3
10.Bxc3 Nf4 11.g3 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3

a5 13.h3 Nd7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1+ 16.Bxa1 Re8 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Kg2 Nh5 19.Re1 Rf8 20.Qe2 g6 21.Bc3 f5 22.exf5 Rxf5 23.Qe3 Qf8 24.Nh4 Rf7 25.Rf1 Qe7 26.Nf3 Rf5 27.Bb2 Qd7 28.Ng1 b5 29.Qc3 bxc4 30.Qxc4 Bb7 31.Ne2 Qf7 32.Nc3 Nf6 33.Qb5 Bxd5+ 34.Nxd5 Qxd5+ 35.Qxd5+ Nxd5 36.Rc1 Kf7 37.b5 Ke6 38.Ra1 Rf8 39.Ra5 Rb8 40.Kf3 c6 0-1 (41) Vidit,S (1827)-Arun, K (2384) Udaipur 2024) 9...Nh5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Nh4 12.Re1 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 f5 14.c5 Nf4 15.Qc4 fxe4 16.Rxe4 Qf6 17.Nxe5 Qg5 18.Rxf4 Rxf4 19.Nf3 Rxf3 20.h4 Qg6 21.h5 Qg5 22.Bd2 Qxd2 23.gxf3 Qg5+ 24.Kf1 Bh3+ 0-1 (24) Bogdan,H (1952)-Nevednichy,V (2471) Cluj 2024]

[8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 d6 10.h3 b6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bc2 f5 14.Bxc5 bxc5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qd3 Qf6 18.Qe3 Nf4 19.Nd2 Qg6 20.Qg3 Rg5 21.Qf3 Rxc2+ 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.Rg1 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Qf5 25.Rg3 Nh5 26.Qxf5 Nxc3+ 27.fxc3 Rxf5 28.Kg2 Rf8 29.g4 Rb8 30.Ne4 Rb2+ 31.Kg3 h6 32.g5 Rxa2 33.gxh6 gxh6 34.Kh4 Kg7 35.Ng3 Kg6 36.Nh5 a5 37.Ng3 a4 0-1 (37) Corsi,M-Wegelin,R (1833) Arco 2024]

8...d6 9.h3 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 f5 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Bd3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.gxf3 Ne5 15.f4 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Nxd3+ 17.Rxd3 Bd7 18.Rg1 Qh5 19.Rdg3 Rf7 20.Bd8 g6 21.Bxc7 Re8 22.Bxd6 Re2 23.Bc5 Re4 24.Re1 b6 25.Bd6 b5 26.Rge3 bxc4 27.Be5 Qh4 28.Qa5 Rxe3 29.fxe3 Bb5 30.Bc3 a6 31.Qb6 Qf2 32.Qd4 Kf8 33.Qe5 Ba4 34.Qb8+ Ke7 35.Kb1 Bc2+ 36.Ka1 Be4

37.Bb4+ Kd7 38.Qb7+ Ke8 39.Qc8# 1-0 (39) Lang,A (2016)-Wegelin,R (1833) Arco 2024

²¹ **11.Qc1** c6 12.a3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Qd3 Nh5 16.g3 f5 17.Ng5 Nh4 18.gxf4 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 hxg5 20.Bd2 f4 21.h3 Qf6 22.Qf3 Qh6 23.Kg2 g6 24.Bb5 Rf7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Qg4 Rcc7 27.Nb5 Bb6 28.Nxc7 Rxc7 29.Rac1 Bc5 30.b4 1-0 (30) Filindash,N (2214)-Vlassov, N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

²² **11.Ne2** Nh5 12.a3 Bc5 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Qd2 h6 15.g3 Bd7 16.Kg2 0-0 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 cxb4 20.Kh2 Qc8 21.Ng1 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Qxb4 Qb8 25.Qxb8 Rxb8 26.Ra7 Ne8 27.Nf3 Ne7 28.Nd2 Nc8 29.Ra2 Ne7 30.g4 Bg6 31.Ra7 Nc8 32.Ra2 Ne7 33.Kg3 Kf8 34.Ra7 Nc8 35.Ra2 Nb6 36.Ra7 Nc8 37.Ra2 Nb6 38.h4 Ra8 39.Rxa8 Nxa8 40.h5 Bf7 41.Ne4 Nb6 42.f4 exf4+ 43.Kxf4 Nd7 44.Bd4 Bg8 45.g5 hxg5+ 46.Nxc5 Ndf6 47.Kf5 Nh7 48.Ne6+ Kf7 49.Bd1 Nf8 50.Ng5+ Ke7 51.Ba4 Nf6 52.Bd1 N8h7 53.Kg6 Nxc5 54.Kxc5 Kf7 55.Bc2 Nh7+ 56.Kf4 Nf8 57.c5 Nd7 58.Bg6+ Kf8 59.cxd6 cxd6 60.Bf5 Nf6 61.Bxf6 gxf6 62.Be6 Bh7 63.Bf5 Bg8 64.Be6 Bh7 65.h6 Bg6 66.Bf5 Bf7 67.Be6 Bg6 68.Bf5 Bf7 69.Be6 ½-½ (69) Rohit,K (2474)-Concio,M (2368) Tagaytay City 2024

²³ **5...h5** 6.e4 Ng6 7.g3 [7.Bg5 Bc5 (7...Be7 8.Be2 d6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.g3 Ne7 11.Bxh5 c6 12.Be2 cxd5 13.cxd5 a6 14.a4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Bf3 Rc8 17.Nge2

g6 18.Kf1 Bg7 19.Kg2 Bh6 20.Qc2 Ng8 21.g4 Bg7 22.g5 f6 23.Qd2 Ne7 24.h5 gxh5 25.Bxh5+ Kd8 26.Bf3 Kc7 27.Ng3 Ng6 28.Nce2 Nh4+ 29.Rxh4 Rxh4 30.Rc1+ Kb8 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 32.Nh5 Qc7 33.gxf6 Bxf6 34.Nxf6 Qg7+ 35.Ng4 Bxg4 36.Bxg4 Rxc4+ 37.Ng3 Rxe4 38.b4 Rd4 39.Qb2 Qg8 40.b5 Qxd5+ 41.Kh2 Rd2 0-1 (41) Hutchinson,P (2006) - Gasanov, E (2474) Peterborough 2024) 8.Nge2 d6 9.g3 Ne7 10.b4 Bb6 11.Qb3 a6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bg2 Bd7 14.Rd1 a5 15.a3 f5 16.c5 dxc5 17.d6 cxd6 18.Rxd6 Qc7 19.bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nb5 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Qc5+ 22.Ke1 Bxb5 23.Rf6 Bc4 24.Qxb7 Rd8 25.Qb2 Rg8 26.Bf3 Qe3 27.Bxh5 Rxc3 28.Qxe5 Rg2 29.Qb2 Qf2# 0-1 (29) Bazilius,A (2096) - Rakshitta, R (2308) Copenhagen 2024]

7...Bc5 8.Bg5 c6 [8...d6 9.Bh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Nf8 11.Qd2 N8d7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Kb1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.f3 Qb8 16.b3 Qb6 17.Nge2 0-0 18.Qd3 Ra5 19.Rh2 Rfa8 20.Rg2 Qa6 21.Nc1 Bd4 22.Be3 Nc5 23.Qd2 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 b4 25.Na4 Nxa4 26.bxa4 Rxa4 27.g4 hxg4 28.fxc4 b3 29.Qxb3 Nxe4 30.g5 Ra3 0-1 (30) Kumar,S (1908)-Ivanov,M (2364) San Cristobal de La Laguna 2024]

9.Qd2 d6 10.Nh3 Bg4 11.Be2 Bd4 12.Qc2 Qb6 13.f3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 Nd7 15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Kf1 Ne7 17.Kg2 cxd5 18.cxd5 0-0 19.Rhh1 f5 20.exf5 Nxf5 21.Rab1 Be3 22.Bd3 g6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Qd3 Bxd2 25.Qxd2 Rcf8 26.Rhf1 Nf6 27.Qh6 Kf7 28.Ne4 Nxd5 29.Ng5+ Ke7 30.Qg7+ R8f7 31.Qxg6 Ne3+

32.Kh3 Nxf1 33.Qe6+ Kf8 34.Rxf1 Qxb2 35.Qxd6+ Kg7 36.Ne6+ Kh7 37.Ng5+ Kg7 38.Nxf7 Rxf7 39.Qe6 Qd4 40.Re1 Qf2 41.Qxe5+ Rf6 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Qxh5+ Kg7 44.Re7+ 1-0 (44) Zemlyanskii,I (2492)-Bartel, M (2657) Chess.com INT 2024

²⁴ 11.Bxd2 d6 12.f3 N4f6 13.e4 h6 14.Nh3 f4 15.c5 Nh5 16.Bb5+ Kf7 17.Nf2 Ng3 18.Rh2 Nf6 19.0-0-0 a6 20.Bd3 Bd7 21.Kb1 Qe7 22.Rc1 Rhc8 23.Bb4 b6 24.c6 Be8 25.Nh1 Nfh5 26.Be1 Kg8 27.Nxc3 fxc3 28.Rh3 Kh8 29.Qd2 Bf7 30.Rxc3 Nxc3 31.Bxc3 Bg6 32.Bf2 Rf8 33.Rh1 Bh5 34.Be3 Kg8 35.a3 a5 36.Ka1 Rf7 37.Be2 Raf8 38.Rh3 Kh8 39.Qe1 Bg6 40.h5 Bh7 41.Qg1 Rf6 42.g4 R6f7 43.g5 hxg5 44.Bxc3 Qe8 45.h6 gxh6 46.Rxh6 Rg7 47.Qh2 Kg8 48.Qh4 Qf7 49.Rf6 Qe7 50.Rg6 Qf7 51.Re6 Rxc3 52.Qxc3+ Qg7 53.Qxc3+ Kxc3 54.Re7+ Rf7 55.Rxf7+ Kxf7 56.Ka2 Bg6 57.Kb3 Bh5 58.Kc4 Ke7 59.Kb5 Kd8 60.Kc4 Ke7 61.Kd3 Kf6 62.f4 Bg6 63.f5 Bf7 64.Bd1 Ke7 65.Kc4 Be8 66.Kb5 Kd8 67.Ka6 Bf7 68.f6 Bg6 69.Bf3 Kc8 70.Ka7 Kd8 71.Kb7 Bf7 72.Bg4 Bg6 73.Be6 Bxe4 74.f7 Ke7 75.Kxc7 Bg6 76.f8Q+ Kxf8 77.Kxd6 1-0 (77) Ponkratov,P (2571)-Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

²⁵ 5...d6 6.e4 Ng6 The main line 6... Ng6 scores better than 6...g6. Die Hauptvariante 6...Sg6 punktet besser als 6...g6. 7.h4 [7.g3 h5 8.h4 Bg4 9.Be2 Be7 10.Ng5 Qd7N (Vorgänger: 10...Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Qd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.a3 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.f3 Nh6 16.Nh3

Kd7 ½-½ Porenta,M (1675)-Bregar,R (1913) Ljubljana-chT 69th 1st League 2016 (2.2) 11.f3 Be6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.c5 d5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Qc2 Nf8 16.b4 a5 17.Bb5 c6 18.Bd3 Rh6 19.Na4 Qc7 20.Nb6 Rd8 21.a3 e4 22.fxe4 Qxg3+ 23.Kf1 Ng4 24.Qe2 Rf6+ 0-1 (24) Stojanovski,S (2169)-Lukovic,V (2440) Chess.com INT 2024]

7...h5 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qc2N

[Vorgänger: 9.Be2 c6 10.Qd2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Ng4 12.g3 0-0 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qg5 Qc7 15.0-0 ½-½ Chojnacki,K (2391)-Kumala,A (2176) POL-chT 2nd League 2020 (4.9)]

9...a6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.g3 Ng4 12.Kb1 Qb8 13.Nh2 Qa7 14.Nxg4 Bxg4 15.Be3 Qb8 16.Be2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qc8 18.f4 b6 19.Rdf1 Qd7 20.f5 Nf8 21.f6 Bxf6 22.Rf5 Rg8 23.Rhf1 Qe7 24.Bg5 Nd7 25.Qxh5 0-0-0 26.Qe2 Kb7 27.g4 Rdf8 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Nd1 Rh8 30.Rh1 Ka7 31.Ne3 Rb8 32.Rf3 Qe8 33.Nd1 Kb7 34.Ne3 Rh7 35.Nc2 a5 36.b4 axb4 37.Nxb4 Ra8 38.Nc6 Ra4 39.Ka1 Qa8 40.Rb3 Nc5 41.Rb2 Ra3 42.h5 Rh8 43.h6 Rc3 44.Qf2 Nxe4 45.Qe1 Ng3 46.Qxc3 Nxh1 47.Rh2 Nf2 48.Rxf2 Rxh6 49.Qb4 Rh1+ 50.Kb2 e4 51.Qb5 e3 52.Re2 f5 53.a4 Qh8+ 54.Kc2 f4 55.Na5+ Kc8 56.Qa6+ Kd7 57.Qb5+ Ke7 58.Nb3 Qe5 59.Nd2 Kf6 60.Qd7 exd2 61.Rxd2 Qe4+ 62.Kb2 Qb1+ 63.Kc3 Rh3+ 0-1 (63) Balaji,A (2316)-Conquest, S (2510) Hull 2024

²⁶ *6.h3 Bb4 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bd2 0-0 9.e3 d6 10.Qc2 c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.a3 Bc5 13.Be2 Be6 14.Rc1 Bb6 15.0-0 Qd7 16.Ng5 Bf5 17.e4 Be6*

18.Na4 Bd4 19.c5 Qe7 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.cxd6 Qxd6 22.b4 Nf4 23.Bc4 N6h5 24.Kh2 Qg6 25.g4 axb4 26.axb4 Nf6 27.f3 Qh6 28.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 29.Kg2 h5 30.Nc3 hxc4 31.fxc4 Qg5 32.Rf5 Qh4 33.Ne2 Ra3 34.Rh1 Nxg4 35.hxc4 Qxg4+ 36.Kf1 Ra1+ 37.Nc1 Be3 38.Be2 Rxc1+ 39.Qxc1 Qxe4 40.Rfh5 Qxh1+ 41.Rxh1 Bxc1 42.Bf3 Rb8 43.Ke2 Ba3 44.Bxc6 Rxb4 45.Ra1 Rb3 46.Bd5 Rb2+ 47.Kd3 Bc5 48.Rc1 Bd4 49.Rc8+ Kh7 50.Bxf7 Rf2 51.Bd5 Rf6 52.Be4+ Kh6 53.Rc7 Rf4 54.Rd7 Rh4 55.Rf7 Rg4 56.Bf3 Rg3 57.Ke4 Kg6 58.Rc7 Kf6 59.Rc6+ Kg5 60.Rc2 Rg1 61.Rg2+ Rxg2 62.Bxg2 Kg4 63.Bf3+ Kg5 64.Be2 Bb2 65.Bd1 Bd4 ½-½ (65) Ograbek,G (2063)-Rasalingam,H (1944) Krakow 2024

²⁷ *7...Bc5 8.a3 a5 9.e3 d6 [9...Be7 10.Bd3 d6 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.0-0 Ng4 13.b4 f6 14.Bg6+ Nxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kf8 16.Ne4 Qe8 17.Qxe8+ Kxe8 18.c5 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Kf7 21.Ra8 Rf8 22.Ra7 fxc5 23.Nfxg5+ Bxg5 24.Nxg5+ Kg6 25.Ne4 dxc5 26.bxc5 Nf6 27.Nc3 Nd7 28.c6 Nc5 29.Nb5 Rf6 30.Nxc7 Rf7 31.cxb7 Bxb7 32.d6 Rd7 33.Ra5 Nd3 34.Ra7 Bc6 35.Ra6 Rxd6 36.Ne8 Re6 37.Nc7 Rf6 0-1 (37) Pei,Y-Steadman,M (2072) Palmerston North 2024]*

10.Ne4 Bf5 11.Nfd2 Nf8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd7 15.Qf5 Qe7 16.Be2 Qf8 17.Bxh5 Qg7 18.Bg4 Rd8 19.h5 Rh6 20.Ke2 Nf8 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Bxb4 23.Rhb1 Bc5 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.Rxb7 1-0 (25) Haubro, M (2421)-Rushbrooke,R (2049) Cambridge 2024

²⁸ **11.Qe2** Nc5 12.Bc2 a5 13.0-0-0 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Kb1 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nde4 Nb7 19.g4 Qb6 20.Na4 Qc7 21.Ng3 hxg4 22.fxg4 d5 23.Bf5 Be6 24.Nc3 Rd8 25.g5 fxg5 26.hxg5 Rxh1 27.Rxh1 e4 28.cxd5 cxd5 29.Rh8+ Kd7 30.Nxd5 Qxg3 31.Qb5+ Kd6 32.Qb6+ Kxd5 33.Bxe6+ fxe6 34.Qxb7+ Ke5 35.Rxd8 Qe1+ 36.Kc2 Bxd8 37.Qb8+ Kf5 38.Qxd8 Qe2+ 39.Kc3 Qxe3+ 40.Kc4 Qxg5 41.Qa8 Qd2 42.Qf8+ Ke5 43.Qg7+ Kd6 44.Qf8+ Kd7 45.Qf7+ Kd6 46.Qf8+ Ke5 47.Qh8+ Kf4 48.Qh6+ Kf3 49.Qxd2 e3 50.Qe1 e2 51.Kd3 e5 52.Qxe2+ Kf4 53.Qe4+ 1-0 (53) [Wagner,D \(2613\)-Pinheiro, I \(2273\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

²⁹ **3...d5** 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qh5 6.Bf4 Nd5 7.Bg3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Qb3 e6 10.e4 Bd6 11.e5 Be7 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.Qc2 a6 14.h4 Qa7 15.Be4 h6 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.h5 Rd8 18.Bh4 b5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.a4 c5 21.axb5 axb5 22.0-0 0-0 23.Rfd1 Rc8 24.Qe2 c4 25.Bc2 Bc6 26.Nd2 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Qa8 28.Nd6 Bxg2 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.Rxb5 Bf3 31.Qe3 Bxd1 32.Bxd1 Qa1 33.Qf3 Nd5 34.Kg2 Qxc3 35.Qxc3 Nxc3 36.Bc2 Nd5 37.Kf3 c3 38.Rc5 Rxc5 39.dxc5 Kf8 40.Bb3 Ke7 41.Ke4 Kd7 42.Kd4 Kc6 43.Ba4+ Kc7 44.Kd3 Nf4+ 45.Kxc3 Nxb5 46.Kd4 Nf4 47.Ke4 Nd5 48.Be8 f5+ 49.Kd4 Ne7 50.Bf7 Nc6+ 51.Ke3 Kd7 52.f4 Ke7 53.Bh5 g5 54.fxg5 hxg5 55.Bf3 Nxe5 56.Bb7 Kd8 57.Kd4 Nf7 58.Bf3 Kc7 59.c6 Kd6 60.Bh1 Nd8 61.Kc4 Nxc6 62.Kb5 Ne7 63.Kc4 e5 64.Kd3 g4 65.Ke3 Ke6 66.Kf2 Kf6 67.Ba8 Kg5 68.Kg3 f4+ 69.Kg2 Ng6 70.Be4 Nh4+ 71.Kf2 g3+ 72.Ke2 Kg4

73.Kf1 f3 74.Kg1 Kf4 75.Bc6 e4 76.Bb5 e3 77.Bd3 e2 78.Bxe2 fxe2 79.Kh1 e1N 80.Kg1 Nd3 81.Kh1 Ne5 82.Kg1 Kg4 83.Kh1 Kh3 84.Kg1 g2 85.Kf2 Kh2 86.Ke3 g1N 87.Ke4 Ngf3 88.Kf4 Kg2 89.Ke3 Kg3 90.Ke4 Nhg6 91.Kf5 Kh4 92.Ke4 Kg4 93.Ke3 Kf5 94.Ke2 Ke4 95.Kf2 Nf4 96.Kg3 Ne2+ 97.Kh3 Kf4 98.Kg2 Ng4 99.Kh1 Ng3+ 100.Kg2 Ne3+ 101.Kh3 Ng1+ 102.Kh2 N1e2 103.Kh3 Nef5 104.Kg2 Ke3 105.Kh3 Kf3 106.Kh2 Nf4 107.Kg1 Ne3 108.Kh2 Ng4+ 109.Kg1 Nh3# 0-1 (109) [Toktomushev,T \(2295\)-Haszon,D \(2258\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

3...e5 4.d5 e4 5.dxc6 exf3 6.cxb7 Bxb7 7.exf3 Bb4+ 8.Nd2 a5 9.Be2 a4 10.a3 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Nb1 h6 15.Nc3 Bc6 16.Bf4 d5 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Rac1 Bb6 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Qe2 22.Rc2 Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Re2 24.Bc1 Rd8 25.g3 Bd4 26.Rxc7 Bxb2 27.Bxb2 Rxb2 28.Rc4 Rd3 29.Rxa4 Ra2 30.Ra8+ Kh7 31.a4 Rxf3 32.Ra7 Kg6 33.Kg2 Rfa3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (33) [Pimenta,H \(1800\)-Perego,D \(1814\) Araraquara 2024](#)

³⁰ **4.d5** Nb8 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.exf3 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 a5 11.Qd2 Na6 12.a3 b6 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.b4 Nb7 15.Rfe1 e5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bh6 e5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ne4 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qe7 22.Ra7 Nd8 23.Qxd6 Rf7 24.Qxe7 Rxe7 25.Nxf6 Kxf6 26.Be4 Ne6 27.Bd5 Nd4 28.b5 Rd7 29.Kh2 Nxb5 30.cxb5 Rxd5 31.Rxc7 Rxb5 32.Rxh7 Rb2 33.Rb7 b5 34.Kg3 b4 35.h4 Ke6 36.Rb6+ Kf5 37.Kh3 e4 38.fxe4+ Kxe4 39.Rxg6 Rxf2 40.h5 b3 41.Rb6 b2 42.g4 Kd4

43.g5 Kc4 44.Kg4 Rg2+ 45.Kf5 Kc5
46.Rb8 Rd2 47.h6 Rd5+ 48.Kg6 Rd6+
49.Kh5 Rb6 50.Rc8+ Kb5 51.h7 b1Q
52.h8Q Qh1+ 53.Kg4 Qg2+ 54.Kf5
Qf3+ 55.Ke5 Qe3+ 56.Kd5 Qd3+
57.Ke5 Qe3+ 58.Kf5 Qe6+ 59.Kf4
Qf7+ 60.Kg3 Qb3+ 61.Kh4 Qb4+
62.Kh5 Ka4 63.Ra8+ Kb3 64.Qg8+
Kb2 65.Qa2+ Kc3 66.Rc8+ Kd4
67.Qf2+ Ke5 68.Re8+ Kd6 69.Rf8 Kd7
70.Rf7+ Ke8 71.Rf5 Qd6 72.Rf6 Qb4
73.Rxb6 Qe7 74.Qf6 Qh7+ 75.Kg4
Qe4+ 76.Qf4 Qb7 77.Rxb7 Kd8
78.Qf8#

1-0 (78) Rupesh,R (2227)-
Shearsby,J (2192) Chess.com INT
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4.g3 e5 5.d5 Ne7 6.Bg2 Ng6
7.Nc3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 Ne8 10.Ne1
f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Nd3 Bg5 13.f4
Bxd3 14.Qxd3 exf4 15.Ne4 Bh6
16.gxf4 Bxf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Qe3
Qh4 19.Rf3 Qg4 20.Ng3 g5 21.Raf1
Ng7 22.Kh1 Nf5 23.Qf2 Nh4 24.h3
Qd7 25.Rxf4 Rxf4 26.Qe3 Raf8
27.Rg1 Nxg2 28.Rxg2 Qxh3+ 29.Kg1
Rf1+ 30.Nxf1 Rxf1+ 0-1 (30) Pujari,R
(2071)-Yeletsky,I (2504) Chess.com
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³¹ **4...Bg4** 5.g3 e5 6.d5 Ne7 7.Bg2
h5 8.h4 Qd7 9.Qb3 0-0-0 10.Bg5 Nf5
11.e3 Kb8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.0-0-0 Ne7
14.e4 Bh6+ 15.Kb1 f5 16.Rde1 fxe4
17.Nxe4 Bg7 18.Nfg5 Nf5 19.f3 Nd4
20.Qc3 Bf5 21.Bh3 Bxh3 22.Nxh3 c6
23.dxc6 Qxc6 24.Nhg5 Rd7 25.Qd3
Rc8 26.Nd2 d5 27.Rc1 e4 28.fxe4
dxe4 29.Qe3 f5 30.Rhd1 Rcd8 31.Nb3
Nxb3 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.axb3 Qd2
34.Qxd2 Rxd2 35.Rc2 Rd3 36.Rg2
Rxb3 37.Ne6 Be5 38.Nf4 Bxf4 39.gxf4
Rf3 40.Rg5 Rxf4 41.Rxh5 Rf1+
42.Kc2 e3 43.Kd3 f4 44.Rf5 Rd1+

45.Ke2 Rd2+ 46.Ke1 Rf2 47.h5 f3
48.h6 Rh2 49.Rxf3 Rxh6 50.Rxe3
Rh1+ 51.Kd2 Rh2+ 52.Kc3 Kc7 53.b3
Kc6 54.Kb4 Rh5 55.Re6+ Kd7 56.Rg6
Kc7 57.Rf6 a6 58.Rg6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (58)

Moncada Correa,S (2018)-Blanco
Fernandez,L (2299) Medellin 2024

³² **11.h3** Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Na6 13.Be2
Nc7 14.Qd2 a6 15.a4 e5 16.dxe6
Nxe6 17.Qxd6 Nd4 18.Bxd4 cxd4
19.Nd5 Re8 20.Bg4 Ne5 21.Qxd8
Raxd8 22.Rfd1 Nxg4 23.hxg4 Rxe4
24.f3 Re2 25.b4 Rde8 26.a5 Be5
27.f4 Bg7 28.Kf1 R8e4 29.g5 Kf8
30.Re1 d3 31.Rxe2 dxe2+ 32.Ke1
Bd4 33.b5 Bc5 34.bxa6 bxa6 35.Nf6
Bb4+ 0-1 (35) Gurevich,D (2374)-Hong,
A (2539) Chess.com INT 2023

³³ **4.d5** Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Bg5 Ne4
7.Bd2 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 d6 9.dxe6 Bxe6
10.a3 Ba5 11.e3 Qd7 12.Nd4 0-0
13.Be2 Rad8 14.0-0 a6 15.Rac1 Bb6
16.Rfd1 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nc6 18.Qf4
Qe7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Ne5
21.Qb4 Rb8 22.Rc2 f5 23.h4 b6
24.Bxa6 Ng4 25.g3 g5 26.hxg5 Qxg5
27.Qf4 Qh5 28.f3 Ne5 29.Kg2 Rf7
30.Rh1 Qg6 31.Bb5 Rbf8 32.Kf1 Rg7
33.Kf2 Rf6 34.Rhc1 Rff7 35.a4 Re7
36.Rc3 Qf6 37.Qd4 Qg5 38.Rg1 Qg6
39.Be2 Nf7 40.Bd3 Ng5 41.Qh4 Re5
42.g4 Qf6 43.Qg3 fxg4 44.f4 Ne4+
45.Bxe4 Rxe4 46.Rh1 Qg6 47.Qh4
Re8 48.Rhc1 g3+ 49.Kg1 Qe4 50.Qh5
Ree7 51.R1c2 Qxa4 52.Qh3 Qe8
53.Re2 Qb5 54.Qc8+ Re8 55.Rb3
Rxc8 56.Rxb5 h5 57.e4 h4 58.Kg2
Kh7 59.e5 Rcg8 60.Re1 dxe5 61.fxe5
Rf8 62.Rb4 Rf2+ 63.Kg1 Rh2 64.e6
h3 65.Rh4+ Kg8 66.e7 Rg2+ 67.Kh1
Rh2+ 68.Kg1 Rg2+ 69.Kh1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (69)

Vargas,M (1958)-Montoya,N (1645)
Manizales 2024

³⁴ **5.Bd2 Qe7**

[5...Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 d6 7.Bd3 e5
8.d5 Ne7 9.h3 c6 10.dxc6 bxc6
11.0-0 Ng6 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfd1
0-0 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Qc3 Re8
16.e4 c5 17.Nh2 Nh5 18.Ndf1 Bb7
19.Re1 Nf4 20.Rad1 f6 21.Ng3 Kf7
22.Ne2 g5 23.Nxf4 gxf4 24.Qd3
Rad8 25.Kf1 Bc6 26.Rd2 Qb7
27.Qe2 g6 28.f3 f5 29.Qd3 Kf6
30.Kf2 Qh7 31.Ke2 Qh5 32.Kd1
Bxe4 33.Qa3 Re7 34.g4 fxg3
35.Ng4+ fxg4 36.hxg4 Qh3 37.g5+
Kg7 38.fxe4 Qg4+ 39.Kc1 Qxg5
40.Rg1 Qf4 41.Qd3 Rf7 42.Rxg3
Qf1+ 43.Kc2 Qxd3+ 44.Rgxd3 Rfd7
45.Rg3 Rf7 46.Rgd3 Rfd7 47.a3
Kf6 48.Rf3+ Ke6 49.b4 cxb4
50.axb4 Rf7 51.Rg3 Rf6 52.Kc3
Rdf8 53.Rdd3 Rh8 54.c5 dxc5
55.bxc5 Ke7 56.Kc4 Rc8 57.Rg5
Re6 58.Rdg3 Rcc6 59.Kd5 a6
60.Rb3 ½-½ (60) Chan,S (2075)-Pal,
R (1960) Harrogate 2024]
6.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 7.Qd2 Ne4 8.Qxb4
Nxb4 9.Na3 d6 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Be2
b6 12.Bf3 c6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Nb5 Ke7
15.Nc3 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.Rab1 Nc7
18.Rfc1 Rhb8 19.b3 c5 20.a4 cxd4
21.exd4 d5 22.Nb5 Nxb5 23.axb5
dxc4 24.bxc4 a4 25.Kf1 a3 26.Ke2
Bxf3+ 27.Nxf3 Nd7 28.Kd3 Rc8
29.Rc2 f6 30.Ra2 e5 31.Rb3 Ra4
32.Rbxa3 Raxc4 33.dxe5 fxe5 34.Ke3
Kf6 35.Ra7 Rc3+ 36.Ke2 Nc5 37.Nd2
Ke6 38.Rxg7 Rf8 39.Raa7 Nd3
40.Rae7+ Kf6 41.Ne4+ Kf5 42.Nxc3
Nf4+ 43.Kf1 Rc8 44.g4+ Kf6 45.Ne4#
1-0 (45) Novikov,E (2276)-Klugin,K
(2390) Chess.com INT 2023

³⁵ **5...0-0 6.Be2**

[6.Bd3 d6 7.a3 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 e5
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bc2 Qe7 11.0-0
Bg4 12.Nh4 e4 13.f3 exf3 14.Nxf3
Rad8 15.Qc3 Ne4 16.Qe1 Rfe8
17.b4 Bh5 18.Bb2 Bg6 19.b5 Nb8
20.Ne5 Nd7 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.Rf4
Ndf6 23.Bd4 c5 24.bxc6 bxc6
25.Rd1 c5 26.Ba1 Rxd1 27.Qxd1
Nc3 28.Qf3 Qxe3+ 29.Qxe3 Rxe3
30.Kf2 Re2+ 31.Kg3 Rxc2 32.Rf3
Nce4+ 33.Kh3 Ng5+ 0-1 (33) Spytek,
H (1760)-Daniel,D (2184) Wroclaw
2024]
6...d6 7.0-0 Bxd2 8.Qxd2 e5 9.b4 e4
10.Ne1 Ne7 11.d5 Ng6 12.Bb2 Re8
13.Kh1 Ng4 14.Bxg4 Bxg4 15.f4 f5
16.Nc2 Nf8 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.h3 Bh5
19.Rg1 c5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Nb5 a6
22.Nc3 b5 23.d6 Rad8 24.cxb5 Qxd6
25.Qxd6 Rxd6 26.g4 fxg4 27.hxg4 Bf7
28.Rgd1 Rh6+ 29.Kg2 axb5 30.Nxb5
Rb8 31.a4 Bb3 32.Rd2 Bxa4 33.Rxa4
Rxb5 34.Ra8 Rhb6 35.Be5 Kf7 36.f5
Rb7 37.Rdd8 Nd7 38.Bd6 g6 39.Re8
gxf5 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Rh8 R5b6
42.g5+ Kg6 43.Bf4 c4 44.Rhxb7 Rb2+
45.Kg3 1-0 (45) Jakab,A (2269)-Kiss,L
(2156) Ajka 2024
5...d5 6.a3 Bd6 7.b4 a6 8.Qc2
0-0 9.c5 Be7 10.Bd3 Re8 11.0-0 g6
12.Bb2 Bf8 13.Ne5 Bg7 14.Nxc6 bxc6
15.f4 Ng4 16.Rfe1 f6 17.h3 Nh6
18.Nf3 Nf7 19.e4 a5 20.b5 cxb5
21.Bxb5 Bd7 22.Bd3 Bc6 23.e5 a4
24.Bc3 f5 25.Bd2 Rb8 26.Rab1 Qd7
27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Rb1 Qc8 29.Rb2
Nd8 30.Kf2 Bf8 31.Qb1 Rxb2 32.Qxb2
Qa8 33.Qb4 Be7 34.Ne1 h6 35.Be2
Be8 36.Qb2 Nb7 37.Nd3 Na5 38.Bxa5
Qxa5 39.Qb8 Kf7 40.Nb4 Bxc5
41.dxc5 Qxc5+ 42.Kf3 Qc3+ 43.Nd3
c5 44.Qc7+ 1-0 (44) Litchfield,F (2211)-

Lam,R (2030) Melbourne 2024

³⁶ **11.c5** e5 12.Bb5 exd4 13.exd4 Qf6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.a3 Bf5 16.Qd1 1-0 (16) Schlosser,P (2509)-Kuraszkiewicz,M (2275) Baden-Baden 2024

³⁷ **4...Ne7** 5.Nc3 Ng6 6.e4 h5 7.h3 [7.e5 Ng4 8.h3 Nh6 9.Bd3 Ne7 10.Bg5 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 Qc8 13.b4 Nhf5 14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Nxe4 Ng6 16.d5 Be7 17.dxe6 dxe6 18.Qe2 Qb7 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.c5 Rad8 21.Rac1 Nf4 22.Qc4 Nd3 23.Nd6 Nxd6 24.exd6+ cxd6 25.Qxd3 dxc5 26.Qc3 cxb4 27.Qxb4+ Rd6 28.Red1 Rhd8 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Qh4+ 1-0 (30) Laot,C (1199)-Moula,G (1514) Montigny le Bretonneux 2023]
7...h4 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Ne2 f6 10.e5 f5 11.Qc2 b6 12.d5 Bb7 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Be3 d6 15.dxe6 Bxf3 16.Bxf5 Nxe5 17.Bg6+ Kf8 18.Qf5+ Nf6 19.gxf3 Nxc4 20.Bd4 d5 21.Nf4 c5 22.Bf7 Rh6 23.Rg1 cxd4 24.Ng6+ Rxc6 25.Qxc6 Nh5 26.Qxh5 Bf6 27.b3 Ne5 28.f4 Nd3+ 29.Kd2 Nc5 30.Rab1 Ne4+ 31.Ke1 Qc7 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxa8 Qc3+ 34.Kf1 Qxh3+ 35.Ke1 Qc3+ 36.Kf1 Nd2+ 37.Ke2 d3+ 38.Kd1 Qc2+ 39.Ke1 Qxb1+ 40.Kxd2 Qc2+ 41.Ke3 Qe2# 0-1 (41) Lim,C (1885)-Moula,G (1514) Montigny le Bretonneux 2023

³⁸ **5.e3** a5 6.b3 Be7 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Bb2 Ba6 9.Qc2 Nb8 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.0-0 h6 13.Rfe1 c5 14.e4 dxc4 15.bxc4 cxd4 16.e5 Ne8 17.Nxd4 Qc7 18.N2f3 Nc5 19.Bf1 ½-½ (19) Pavlidou,E (2153)-

Jeselson,A (1858) Rhodes 2024

³⁹ **5...Be7** 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.b4 a6 11.Bb2 Bd6 12.0-0 Nb8 13.b5 Re8 14.a4 Ne4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.g3 Qf6 17.Kg2 g5 18.a5 g4 19.Nh4 axb5 20.Bxb5 c6 21.f3 Nxc3 22.hxc3 cxb5 23.fxc4 Qe6 24.Nf5 bxa5 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.Rxf7 Re4 27.Raf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Nxf8 29.Nc3 Rxe3 30.Qf2 Qe7 31.Kh3 b4 32.Na4 Ba6 33.Rc1 Bb5 34.Nb6 Re6 35.Qf4 Rxb6 36.Rc7 Bf1+ 0-1 (36) Atwell,R (2208)-Gongora Montes,B (2111) San Jose 2024

5...a6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd5 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.e4 Re8 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.e5 Bf8 14.Qe2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Ng6 16.Bg3 Be7 17.Qe4 Qd5 18.Qg4 c5 19.h4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Bd7 21.Be4 Qa5 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfb1 Bb5 24.Be4 Be2 25.h5 Nf8 26.Bc6 Rxb1+ 27.Rxb1 Bxf3 28.Qxf3 Rd8 29.Rb7 Qxa3 30.Qxa3 Bxa3 31.Rb3 Be7 32.Rd3 a5 33.f3 Bc5 34.Bf2 Bb4 35.Kh2 Nd7 36.Be4 Nb6 37.Bc6 ½-½ (37) Andersen,L (1977)-Wegelin,R (1773) Arco 2023

⁴⁰ **6.Bg5** Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 Ne7 11.b4 Nf5 12.Bg3 Nxc3 13.hxc3 a5 14.b5 Qd6 15.a4 c5 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Be2 Bg4 18.0-0 Rac8 19.Nd4 h5 20.Bxc4 Nxc4 21.Nb3 Qa3 22.Nxd5 Rxc1 23.Nxc1 Rd8 24.e4 Kh8 25.Qf3 Qxa4 26.Qxf7 Qxe4 27.Nf4 Kh7 28.Ncd3 Rxd3 29.Nxd3 Qxd3 30.Qxb7 a4 31.b6 a3 32.Qa7 Qb3 33.b7 1-0 (33) Goncharov,V (2077)-Goldin,R (2288) Chess.com INT 2024

⁴¹ **11.Rc1** Bb7 12.Bc4 Qd8 13.0-0

Ne7 14.Qe2 Nf5 15.Ba6 Bxf3 16.Qxf3
c5 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Rxc5 Qb6 19.Bb5
Rac8 20.Qe2 Rxc5 21.dxc5 Qxc5
22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.a4 Rd8
25.g3 Qf6 26.h4 h5 27.Rd1 Rc8
28.Qf3 Nh6 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6 30.Rd7
Rc1+ 31.Kg2 Rc2 32.Rxa7 Ng4
33.Be8 Rxf2+ 34.Kg1 Ra2 35.Rxf7+
Ke5 36.Rf3 Ke4 37.Rf4+ Kxe3
38.Bxg6 e5 39.Rf5 Ra1+ 40.Rf1 Rxa4
41.Bxh5 Kd2 42.Bxg4 Rxg4 43.Kg2 e4
44.Kh3 Rg8 45.h5 e3 46.g4 e2
47.Rg1 Rf8 48.g5 Ke3 49.Re1 Rf3+

$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ (49) Rosol, P (2252) -
Malinowski, S (2016) Polanica Zdroj
2024

⁴² **11.Bg3** c6 12.e3 Bf5 13.Bd3 0-0
14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.0-0 Rae8 16.b4 a6
17.Nd2 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc8 19.Rfc1
Qe7 20.Nb3 Nd6 21.Nc5 f5 22.Qd2
Ne4 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.a4 Rf6 25.b5
axb5 26.axb5 Ref8 27.bxc6 bxc6
28.Rc2 Rh6 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Ra1 Rg6
31.Rca2 Qc8 32.Qe2 h6 33.Kh1 Kh7
34.Rc2 Qf5 35.Ra6 Rff6 36.Ra8 Rg5
37.Rb2 Rg4 38.Rbb8 h5 39.Kg1 Rg5
40.Kf1 c5 41.dxc5 Qe5 42.g3 Rgf5
43.Rh8+ Kg6 44.Ra2 d4 45.exd4
Qxd4 46.f4 e3 47.Re8 Rxf4+ 48.gxf4
Rxf4+ 49.Kg1 Rg4+ 50.Qxg4+ hxg4
51.Ra6+ Kf7 52.Rae6 Qd1+ 53.Kg2
Qf3+ 0-1 (53) Rama, T (2265) - Bortnyk, M
(2433) New York 2024

⁴³ **5.g3** Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.b4
[7.0-0 d6 8.Nbd2 e5 9.d5 Nb8
10.e4 a5 11.b3 Na6 12.Bb2 Bd7
13.Qc2 c6 14.Rfc1 cxd5 15.cxd5 b5
16.Ne1 h5 17.Nd3 h4 18.b4 Bh6
19.Qd1 Qb6 20.Rc2 hxg3 21.hxg3
Ng4 22.Nb3 axb4 23.axb4 f5
24.Bc1 Bxc1 25.Qxc1 Kg7 26.exf5

Rxf5 27.Be4 Rh5 28.Rxa6 Qxa6
29.Rc7 Ra7 30.Na5 Qb6 31.Rxa7
Qxa7 32.Bf3 Rh3 33.Nc6 Bxc6
34.dxc6 Rxg3+ 35.Bg2 Rxd3 36.c7
Qxf2+ 37.Kh1 Rh3+ 38.Bxh3 Qh2#
0-1 (38) Itgelt, K (2408) -
Praggnanandhaa, R (2747) Chess.
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7...d5 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Rc1
Ne7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Nxe4
dxe4 14.Ng5 Nf5 15.Nxe4 Nxd4
16.Bxd4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Qxd4 18.Rfd1
Qb2 19.Qxb2 Bxb2 20.Rb1 Be5
21.Rd7 Rfd8 22.Rbd1 Rxd7 23.Rxd7
Bd6 24.Bc6 a5 25.c5 Bf8 26.Bb7 Rb8
27.Rxc7 axb4 28.axb4 bxc5 29.b5 c4
30.Ba6 Bb4 31.Rxc4 Ba5 32.e3 h5
33.Kg2 Kf8 34.h3 f5 35.h4 Ke7
36.Rc6 Rb6 37.Rc7+ Kf6 38.Rd7 e5
39.Kf3 Ke6 40.Rg7 Kf6 41.Rg8 e4+
42.Ke2 Rd6 43.Rc8 Rd2+ 44.Kf1
Rd1+ 45.Kg2 Rb1 46.Rc6+ Kg7
47.Rc2 Kf6 48.f3 exf3+ 49.Kxf3 Rb3
50.Rc6+ Kg7 51.Ke2 Rb2+ 52.Kd3
Rb3+ 53.Kd4 Kh6 54.Re6 Rb2 55.Kc5
Rc2+ 56.Kd5 Rd2+ 57.Kc6 Rc2+
58.Kb7 Rc7+ 59.Kb8 Rc3 60.b6 Bxb6
61.Rxb6 Rxe3 62.Bb5 Rxg3 63.Be8 f4
64.Rf6 Rg4 65.Kc7 Kg7 66.Rf7+ Kg8
67.Kd6 Rxh4 68.Ke5 Rg4 69.Kf6 f3
70.Bd7 f2 71.Ke7 Re4+ 72.Be6 Kh8
73.Rxf2 g5 74.Kf6 Rf4+ 75.Rxf4 gxf4
76.Kg5 f3 77.Kxh5 f2 78.Bc4 f1Q
79.Bxf1 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ (79) Rustemov, A (2525) -
Nevednichy, V (2457) Chess.com
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⁴⁴ **9...exd5** 10.cxd5 c6 11.dxc6 bxc6
12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 d5 14.exd5 Nexd5
15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Be5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5
Qf6 18.Nd3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Rad8 20.Nb4
Rfe8 21.Rfe1 a5 22.Nd3 Bxd3
23.Bxd3 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Qxb2 25.g3

Nf6 26.Rb1 Qxa3 27.Bc4 Qc5 28.Bb3 Re8 29.Qd2 Ne4 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qe3 Nd6 32.Qc1 Re2 0-1 (32) [Issakainen,A \(2152\)-Vlassov,N \(2283\) Terassini 2023](#)

⁴⁵ **11.cxd5** c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 d5 14.exd5 Nexd5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bg4 18.Be2 Qb6 19.h3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bf5 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Ne4 23.Nd2 Nc5 24.Rf3 Re2 25.Rb1 Rxd2 0-1 (25) [Harsha,B \(2550\)-Carlsen,M \(2832\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

⁴⁶ **5.d5** Ne5 6.Nxe5 dxe5 7.Nc3 exd5 8.cxd5 Bc5 9.e4 0-0 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.b4 Bd6 14.Qb3 Rae8 15.h3 h6 16.Rfc1 Nh7 17.b5 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.b6 cxb6 20.Qxb6 Rc8 21.Na4 Nf6 22.Bc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Nd7 24.d6 Nxb6 25.dxe7 Rfe8 26.Nxb7 Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1 Rxe7 28.Nd6 Bg6 29.Rc6 Nd7 30.Bxa6 Nf6 31.a4 Kh7 32.a5 Ra7 33.f3 Nd5 34.Bc4 Nb4 35.Rb6 Nc2 36.a6 Ne3 37.Ba2 Rc7 38.Nb5 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Rc2+ 40.Kxe3 Rxa2 41.a7 e4 42.Rb8 Bf7 43.a8Q Rxd2 44.Rh8+ 1-0 (44) [Skatchkov,V \(2213\)-Goldin,R \(2323\) Chess.com INT 2023](#)

⁴⁷ **5...a5** 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 [9.Rb1 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.e4 Na6 12.b4 c6 13.h3 axb4 14.axb4 c5 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qc2 Nfxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe5 Nc5 19.Nd3 Bf5 20.Rd1 Nxd3 21.Rxd3 Re8 22.Kh2 Qc7 23.Be3 Ra3 24.Rbb3 Rxb3 25.Qxb3 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 b6 27.Qb3 Rc8 28.Bf1 Rb8 29.Qb5 Be5 30.Kg2 Bc3 31.Be2 Qe7

32.Bd3 Qf6 33.h4 Bd4 34.Bf4 h6 35.Qd7 Bc5 36.Be4 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Qg4 Re8 39.Bxg5 Qg7 40.Bf3 Re5 41.Qc8+ Qf8 42.Qg4 Qg7 43.Qc8+ Kh7 44.Bf4 Re1 45.Bg4 Qf6 46.Qf8 Qg6 47.Bf3 Ra1 48.Qe7 Ra2 49.Be4 Rxf2+ 50.Kh3 Kg7 51.Bxg6 Kxg6 52.Qg5+ Kh7 53.Qf6 Kg8 54.Kg4 Rf1 55.Qd8+ Kg7 56.Bxd6 f5+ 57.Kh3 Rh1+ 58.Kg2 Rg1+ 59.Kh2 Bd4 60.Qg5+ Kf7 61.Qxf5+ Ke8 62.Qe6+ 1-0 (62) [Garcia Cardenas,P \(2417\)-Pinheiro,I \(2273\) Chess.com INT 2024 \]](#)

9...h6 10.Bb2 d5 11.Qd3 Qe7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Rd8 14.Qe2 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bd7 16.Rad1 Be8 17.Rfe1 Ra6 18.h4 Qf8 19.Qc2 Ne7 20.Ne5 c6 21.Bc3 Nf5 22.b4 Raa8 23.h5 g5 24.Be4 Nd6 25.Bd3 b5 26.bxa5 bxc4 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Bb4 Bf6 29.Nxc4 Be7 30.Nb6 Ra7 31.Bd3 Nb5 32.Bxb5 cxb5 33.d5 Bxb4 34.Qb2+ Bc3 35.Qxc3+ Qg7 36.Qb4 e5 37.d6 Bc6 38.Qc5 Bf3 39.Rd2 f6 40.d7 Qf7 41.Qc8 Qf8 1-0 (41) [Costachi,M \(2476\)-Manolache,M \(2399\) Sebes 2023](#)

5...Be7 6.e4 0-0 7.Bd3 e5 8.d5 Nb8 9.h3 c5 10.g4 Ne8 11.Qe2 Na6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Rg1 Nac7 14.Kd2 a6 15.a4 b6 16.Kc2 Rb8 17.h4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.cxb5 Nxb5 20.Nxb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Qb6 22.b3 Qxb5 23.Qxb5 Rxb5 24.Ra7 Bd8 25.h5 f6 26.Rga1 Nc7 27.Nh4 Rf7 28.Nf5 Rd7 29.R1a6 Be7 30.Nxe7+ Rxe7 31.Rc6 Nxd5 32.Ra8+ Kf7 33.exd5 Reb7 34.Rac8 Rxb3 35.R6c7+ 1-0 (35) [Benitez Lozano,J \(2282\)-Lom Hernandez,J \(1920\) Mexico City 2023](#)

⁴⁸ **6.e3** Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8
9.b4 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.e4 Rf8 12.c5
Ne8 13.Nd2 f5 14.a4 Bh6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (14)
Hill,A (2140)-Collutiis,D (2322)
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⁴⁹ **7.d5** Nb8 8.h3 0-0 9.Be3 exd5
10.exd5 Re8 11.Bd3 Bh6 12.0-0 Bxe3
13.fxe3 Qe7 14.Rf2 Nbd7 15.Qf1 Kg7
16.Re1 Nh5 17.Nb5 Ng3 0-1 (17)
Skatchkov,V (2213)-Klugin,K (2390)
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7.h3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Re8
10.Qd2
[10.Bd3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4
exd4 13.Bxd4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 f5
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd4+ Qf6
17.Qxf6+ Kxf6 18.0-0 fxe4 19.Rae1
g5 20.Nxe4+ Kg6 21.Re3 Re5
22.Rfe1 b5 23.Nc3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3
bxc4 25.Re7 Bf5 26.Rxc7 Rb8
27.Rxc4 Rxb2 28.g4 Bd3 29.Rd4
Bb1 30.Rd1 Ba2 31.Re1 Rc2
32.Re6+ Kg7 33.Nxa2 Rxa2
34.Re7+ Kf6 35.Rxa7 Rd2 36.Ra5
Ke5 37.Kg2 Ke4 38.a4 Ra2 39.Kg3
Ra3+ 40.Kg2 Ra2 41.Kg3 Ra3+
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (41) Ercan,S (2109)-Dickl,E
(1999) Barcelona 2024]

10...e5 **11.d5N**
[Vorgänger: 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5
Rxe5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4
Nd7 16.Bc2 Nc5 17.Bd4
1-0 Hakobyan,A (2348)-Zarubitski,V
(2310) EU-ch U14 25th 2015 (7)]

11...Nd4 12.Rd1 Kh7 13.Be2 Nxe2
14.Qxe2 Nh5 15.g3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5
17.g4 Nf4 18.Qd2 Bd3 19.Rg1 Bxc4
20.Qc2 Rf8 21.Rg3 Qe7 22.h4 Rae8
23.Qe4 Bd3 24.Qa4 Ba6 25.Qe4 Bd3
26.Qa4 e4 27.Nd4 Ba6 28.Bxf4 Rxf4
29.Ne6 Rf3 30.h5 Rxc3 31.hxc3+ Kg8
32.fxc3 e3 33.g5 Be5 34.Qg4 Rf8

35.Nxf8 Qxf8 36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Rd4
0-1 (37) Kaufman,R (2153)-Stevens,
C (2260) Toronto 2024

⁵⁰ **8...e5** 9.d5 Ne7
[9...Nb8 10.b4 a5 11.Be3 Nbd7
12.Nd2 Ne8 13.c5 f5 14.f3 Ndf6
15.Rc1 axb4 16.axb4 f4 17.Bf2 g5
18.Nc4 h5 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Nb6
Rb8 21.Nb5 g4 22.Nxc8 Rxc8
23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Qc1 Qd7 25.Qc4
Nh7 26.Rc1 gxf3 27.Bxf3 Ng5
28.Bxh5 Nf6 29.Bg6 Qg4 30.Bf5
Nf3+ 31.Kh1 Qh5 32.gxf3 Qxf3+
33.Kg1 Kh8 34.Qc3 Qh5 35.Qh3
Qxh3 36.Bxh3 Nxe4 37.Rc7 f3
38.Rxb7 Bh6 39.Nc7 Nxf2 40.Kxf2
e4 41.Ne6 e3+ 42.Ke1 Rg8 43.Rf7
Rg1+ 44.Bf1 e2 45.Rxf3 exf1Q+
46.Rxf1 Rg4 47.Rf6 Re4+ 48.Kf1
Bd2 49.b5 Rb4 50.Nc7 Rb1+
51.Ke2 Ba5 52.Ne8 Rb2+ 53.Kd3
Rxb5 54.Rxd6 Rb2 55.h4 Kg8
56.h5 Kf7 57.Nf6 Bc7 58.Re6 Rb3+
59.Kc4 Rh3 60.h6 Rxh6 61.Rc6
Rxf6 62.Rxc7+ Kg6 63.Kc5 Kf5
64.Re7 Rh6 65.d6 Rh1 66.d7 Rc1+
67.Kb6 Rd1 68.Kc7 Rc1+ 69.Kd8
Rd1 70.Ke8 Kf6 71.d8Q Rh1
72.Rf7+ 1-0 (72) Flynn,J (2177)-
Rodriguez Avila,A (2190) Chess.com
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10.b4
[10.Ne1 h6 11.Nd3 Nh7 12.c5 f5
13.f3 g5 14.b4 f4 15.a4 Ng6
16.Ba3 Rf7 17.b5 Bf8 18.a5 h5
19.b6 cxb6 20.axb6 Nf6 21.Nb5
axb6 22.cxd6 Ra5 23.Qb3 g4
24.Rfc1 g3 25.h3 Ne8 26.Rxc8
Qxc8 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Nc7 Rxa3
29.Qxa3 Bxd6 30.Qa8 Bxc7
31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Qxe8+ Kg7 33.Bf1
Qc3 34.d6 Qd4+ 35.Kh1 Qxd6

36.Qb5 Rc7 37.Qb1 Qd4 38.Nb4 Qd2 39.Nd3 Kh6 40.Qxb6 Rc1 41.Nxc1 Qxc1 42.Qg1 Kg5 43.Bb5 Qxg1+ 44.Kxg1 Nh4 45.Kf1 Kf6 46.Be8 Ke7 47.Bxh5 b5 0-1 (47) Shuvalov,E (2079)-Bazyrtsyrenov,K (2299) Chess.com INT 2023]

10...Nh5

[10...Ne8 11.a4 f5 12.Ng5 h6 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 c6 15.Qb3 Nc7 16.Rd1 Kh7 17.c5 d5 18.exd5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Nexd5 20.Bc4 Nxe6 21.Bxd5 Nd4 22.Qc4 Qe7 23.Bb2 f4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Bf3 Rfe8 26.Rac1 a5 27.b5 Rac8 28.h3 h5 29.b6 Bf8 30.c6 bxc6 31.Rxd4 Kh6 32.Rxf4 Rb8 33.Re4 Qg5 34.Rxe8 Rxe8 35.Bxc6 Re2 36.Rd1 Rb2 37.b7 Bd6 38.Qd4 Be5 39.Qxb2 1-0 (39) Hamidov,A (1998)-Perunovic, M (2357) Dimitrovgrad 2024]

11.g3 f5 12.Ng5 Nf6 13.Bf3 c6 14.Ra2 h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 Qe8 17.Rd2 Nc8 18.b5 Rb8 19.Qb3 c5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Bd5 Kh8 22.Qd1 Ng4 23.h3 Nf6 24.Bb2 Qg6 25.Kh2 Ne8 26.g4 Nc7 27.gxf5 Qxf5 28.Qg4 Ne7 29.Rg1 Qxg4 30.Rxg4 Nf5 31.Ne4 Rbd8 32.f4 Rfe8 33.fxe5 Nxe6 34.Rf2 Ned4 35.e6 b6 36.Bxd4 Nxd4 37.Rf7 Nxe6 38.Rg6 Be5+ 39.Kh1 1-0 (39) Aradhya,G (2412)-Pawar,H (2284) Abu Dhabi 2024

⁵¹ **9.d5** exd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.Be3 c6 **12.dxc6N**

[Vorgänger: 12.Qd2 cxd5 13.exd5 Nf5 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Bb5 Nxf4 16.Bxe8 Bh6 17.Qe1 Nh4 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.Ne4 Nxc2 0-1 Rees,G (2097)-Riff,J (2474) EU-Cup 23rd Kemer 2007 (1.1)]

12...Nxc6 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Nd2 Ng4

15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Nc4 Rc8 18.Qd3 b5 19.Nd2 a6 20.f3 Be6 21.Bb6 Qd7 22.Bf2 Bxd5 23.exd5 Ne5 24.Qb3 Nc4 25.Nxc4 bxc4 26.Qb6 Re2 27.Qxa6 Rxb2 28.Rac1 c3 29.Rfe1 h5 30.Re2 Rxe2 31.Qxe2 Qa4 32.Rc2 Rb8 33.g3 Rb2 34.Rxb2 cxb2 35.Qd3 Qa5 0-1 (35) Grave,J (2284)-Vestby Ellingsen,M (2343) Storefjell 2024

⁵² **10.d5** Nd4 11.h3 Nxe2+

[11...c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bxd4 Nxe4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.Qd3 Bf5 18.Bf3 Rf4 19.Qc3+ Qf6 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.Bxc6 Rb8 22.b4 Rxc4 23.Bf3 Rc3 24.Rfd1 Ke7 25.Rd5 Bxh3 26.Ra5 Be6 27.Rxa7+ Kf6 28.Rb1 h5 29.b5 d5 30.a4 h4 31.b6 h3 32.b7 g5 33.Ra8 Rxb7 34.Rxb7 g4 35.Be2 Rc2 36.Bf1 Rc1 37.gxh3 gxh3 38.a5 d4 39.Rb2 h2+ 40.Kxh2 Rxf1 41.a6 Bd5 42.Rd8 Bf3 43.a7 Rd1 44.a8Q Bxa8 45.Rxa8 d3 46.Kg3 1-0 (46) Molenda,M (2377)-Golda,S (2107) Lublin 2024]

12.Qxe2 Nh5 13.c5 f5 **14.exf5N**

[Vorgänger: 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Ng5 Nf6 17.Qc2 h6 18.Nf3 a6 19.Rad1 Bd7 20.Qb3 0-1 Foisor, S (2356)-Gelashvili,T (2604) Washington op 1st 2012 (4)]

14...Bxf5 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Rfc1 Qd7 17.Ng5 Nf4 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Be5 21.Qd2 Qf6 22.Nf3 Bxh3 23.Nxe5 Rxe5 24.gxh3 Qf3 25.Re1 Rf8 26.Rxe5 dxe5 27.d6 Rf4 28.Qd5+ 1-0 (28) Aradhya,G (2392)-Kashtanov,R (2357) Chess.com INT 2024

⁵³ **11.h3** Be6 12.Re1 Qc8

[12...a5 13.Bf1 Qc8 14.Qc2 Nh5
15.Rad1 h6 16.Nd5 g5 17.Kh2 Nf4
18.Qc1 Bd7 19.Qd2 Be6 20.b4
axb4 21.axb4 Ne7 22.Ra1 Rxa1
23.Rxa1 f5 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.exf5
Bxf5 26.Ra7 Be4 27.Qa2 Kh7
28.Nd2 Bf5 29.b5 e4 30.Qa3 Re8
31.c5 Be5 32.Kg1 Nxh3+ 33.gxh3
Bxh3 34.Be2 Bg4 35.Bf1 Bf3
36.Bg2 Qg4 37.Nxf3 exf3 38.Qd3+
Kh8 39.Qf1 Qh5 40.Bh3 g4
41.Rxb7 gxh3 42.Kh1 Rg8
0-1 (42) Nikolaidis,K (2193)-Bozinakis,
P (2285) Trikala 2024]

13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Rad1 Nf4 15.Bf1 h6
16.Nd5 g5 17.b4 Ne7 18.Bxf4 exf4
19.e5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Bf5 21.Bd3 Bxd3
22.Qxd3 Qd7 23.Qb3 Rad8 24.e6
Qe7 25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Rd6
27.Rde4 f6 28.Rc4 c6 29.dxc6 bxc6
30.Rce4 Kg7 31.h4 Red8 32.h5 Rd3
33.Qc2 R8d6 34.Rc4 f3 35.gxf3 Kf8
36.b5 Rd2 37.Qg6 cxb5 38.Qxh6+
Kg8 39.Rc7 Qxc7 40.e7 Re6 41.Qg6+
1-0 (41) Mikhalevski,V (2524)-
Bozinakis,P (2274) Hastings 2023

⁵⁴ **8...Re8** 9.b3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5
11.Bb2 e4 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.Nd5 Nxd5
14.Bxg7 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Kxg7 16.dxc6
Rad8 17.Qc2 b6 18.Rfd1 e3 19.Qc3+
Qf6 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.fxe3 Rxd1+
22.Rxd1 Rxe3 23.Bd5 Rxe2 24.a4
Rb2 25.Re1 Rb1 26.Rxb1 Bxb1
27.Kf2 Bf5 28.b4 Be6 29.Bf3 a5
0-1 (29) Tang,E (1960)-Chiku Ratte,
O (2324) New Westminster 2024

⁵⁵ **9.dxe5** dxe5 10.Bg5
[10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Bg5 Re8 12.Nd5
Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4
15.Bf3 d3 16.exd3 Bxb2 17.Ra2
Bd4 18.Rc1 Bb6 19.a4 a5 20.Rb2

Ra6 21.Kg2 Bd4 22.Rbc2 Be5
23.Re1 f6 24.d4 fxc5 25.dxe5 Bf5
26.Rxc7 g4 27.Bd1 Rb6 28.e6 Rb4
29.e7 Be4+ 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.d6
Rd4 32.Bb3+ Kg7 33.d7 Rxe7
34.d8Q Rxd8 35.Rxe7+ 1-0 (35)
Relange,E (2440)-De Seroux,C (2113)
Quenza 2024]

10...Be6 11.Qc1 Bxc4 12.Nd2 Be6
13.Nde4 Qe7 14.Qe3 Nd4 15.Rad1
Nf5 16.Qc1 h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxf6+
Qxf6 19.Bxb7 Rad8 20.Bg2 Bb3
21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Ne4 Qe7 23.Nc5
Nd4 24.Bf3 Bd5 25.Bg4 h5 26.e3
hxg4 27.exd4 exd4 28.Re1 Qf6 29.Qf4
Qxf4 30.gxf4 Bf3 31.Nd3 Rb8 32.b4
a5 33.Kf1 axb4 34.axb4 Ra8 35.Rc1
Ra3 36.Ne5 Rb3 37.Ke1 Rxb4
38.Rxc7 Rb1+ 39.Kd2 Rb2+ 40.Ke1
Rb1+ 41.Kd2 Rf1 42.Nxf3 Rxf2+
43.Kd3 Rxf3+ 44.Ke4 Rf2 45.Rd7
Rxh2 46.Rxd4 f5+ 47.Ke5 Kg7
48.Rd7+ Kh6 49.Rd8 Ra2 50.Kf6
Ra6+ 51.Ke5 g3 52.Rd3 Ra5+ 53.Kf6
Ra6+ 54.Ke5 g2 55.Rg3 Ra5+ 56.Kf6
Ra6+ 57.Ke5 Ra2 58.Kf6 Kh7
59.Rh3+ Kg8 60.Rg3 Kh7 61.Rh3+
Kg8 62.Rg3 Kf8 63.Kxg6 Ra5 64.Rxg2
Rb5 65.Kf6 Rb6+ 66.Kxf5 Rb5+
67.Kf6 Rb6+ 68.Kg5 Ra6 69.Rb2 Rc6
70.Rb7 Ra6 71.Kf5 Rc6 72.Ke5 Ra6
73.Rd7 Rb6 74.Rd6 Rxd6 75.Kxd6
Kf7 76.Ke5 Ke7 77.Kf5 Kf7 78.Kg5
Kg7 79.f5 Kf7 80.f6 Kf8 81.Kg6 Kg8
82.Kf5 Kf7 83.Ke5 Kf8 84.Kf4 Kf7
85.Kf5 Kf8 86.Kg6 Kg8 87.f7+ Kf8
88.Kf6 ½-½ (88) Koneru,H (2554)-
Rakshitta,R (2245) Samarkand
2023

9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.d5
Ne7 12.Rc1 Bg7 13.b4 a5 14.c5 axb4
15.axb4 Bf5 16.Nd2 Qd7 17.Nc4 Nc8
18.e4 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.Qe2 Kh7

21.Nb5 Qd7 22.Ne3 Na7 23.Nxa7
Rxa7 24.c6 Qc8 25.cxb7 Qxb7 26.b5
Rb8 27.Rb1 Ra5 28.Rfc1 h5 29.Rc6
Qa7 30.Kg2 Bh6 31.b6 Rxb6
32.Rbxb6 cxb6 33.Rxd6 b5 34.Rd8
Ra2 35.Qf3 Bxe3 36.Rf8 Rxf2+
0-1 (36) Toktomushev,T (2266)-
Klugin,K (2413) Chess.com INT
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⁵⁶ **10.b4** a5 11.Bb2 Na6 12.Qb3
Bd7 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.h4 Rfc8 15.Nde4
Nxe4 16.Nxe4 b6 17.f4 Bf5 18.fxe5
Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Qf3 axb4
21.axb4 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4
Nxb4 24.Rab1 Na6 25.g4 Nc5 26.Bd3
Ra3 27.Rf3 Re8 28.Rbf1 Re7 29.g5
Kg7 30.Kg2 Nd7 31.Kg3 Ne5 32.Re3
h5 33.Rf6 Re8 34.Kg2 Rea8 35.Kg3
Ng4 36.Re7 Nxf6 37.gxf6+ Kxf6
38.Rxc7 Rd8 39.Rc6 Rb3 40.Kf4 Ke7
41.Kg5 Rb2 42.Rc7+ Rd7 43.Rc8 Ra7
44.Kh6 Rba2 45.Kg7 Ra1 46.Rf8 Rf1
47.Rb8 Kd7 48.Rxb6 Rf4 49.Rc6
Rxh4 50.Rb6 Rf4 51.Rb8 h4 52.Rh8
Kc7 53.Kg8 Ra8+ 54.Kg7 Rxh8
55.Kxh8 h3 0-1 (55) Rosenberg,E
(1989)-Klugin,K (2413) Chess.com
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⁵⁷ **11.Ne1** Bd7 12.Nd3 a4 13.c5
Na6 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nxa4 Nxe4
16.Bxe4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Nc5 18.Qc4
b5 19.Qb4 Ra4 20.Qxb5 Rxe4
21.Nxc5 dxc5 22.Qxc5 Rd4 23.Be3
Rxd5 24.Qc4 Kh8 25.a4 f5 26.Bc5
Re8 27.a5 1-0 (27) Sethuraman,S
(2603)-Welling,G (2221) Prague
2024

⁵⁸ **4...d5** 5.cxd5
[5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 h6
8.Bh4 Ne4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxe4

dxex4 11.Nd2 f5 12.0-0 Bd7 13.f3
exf3 14.Bxf3 Rad8 15.Qb3 b6
16.Qc3 e5 17.d5 Na5 18.b4 Nb7
19.Nb3 Kh8 20.a4 Nd6 21.c5 Nf7
22.Be2 Ng5 23.Nd2 Bc8 24.e4 fxe4
25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Rf1 Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1
Bf5 28.Bb5 Nf7 29.Qe3 Qh4 30.g3
Qg4 31.Be2 Qg6 32.a5 Ng5 33.Nc4
bxc5 34.bxc5 Qf7 35.d6 cxd6
36.cxd6 Qd5 37.Qxa7 Nf3+ 38.Kf2
Bh3 39.Qe3 Nxe2 40.a6 Bf1 41.a7
Bxe2 42.Qxe2 Nf3 43.Qb2
0-1 (43) Aycicek,S (1807)-Asgharvand,
D (1875) Malatya 2024]
5...exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3
Re8 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Rc1 Ne4 11.Bf4
Bf8 12.a3 h6 13.Qb3 Bxf3 14.gxf3
Nd2 15.Qxb7 Bd6 16.Bg3 Nxf1
17.Qxc6 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Rb8 19.Rc2
Qg5 20.f4 Bxf4 21.exf4 Re1+ 22.Bf1
Qf5 23.Nxd5 Qd3 24.Ne3 Qxd4
25.Qxc7 Rd8 26.Qc3 Qxc3 27.bxc3
Rc8 28.c4 Rc5 29.Kg2 Ra1 30.Rc3
a5 31.Bd3 Ra2 32.Bc2 g6 33.Kf3 Kf8
34.Nd5 Ke8 35.Nf6+ Ke7 36.Ne4 Rc6
37.c5 f5 38.Nd6 Rxc5 39.Nc8+ Rxc8
40.Rxc8 Rxa3+ 41.Ke2 Ra2 42.Kd3
g5 43.Rc4 Ra3+ 44.Kd2 1-0 (44)
Virostko,P (2304)-Arun,K (2054)
Pardubice 2024

⁵⁹ **5.e4** g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0
8.Be3 Re8 9.Qd3 e5 10.d5 Nb4
11.Qb1 Ng4 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh4 h5
14.a3 Na6 15.h3 Nh6 16.Nd2 g5
17.Bg3 h4 18.Bh2 g4 19.hxg4 Nxg4
20.Qd1 Nxe2 21.Kxe2 Bh6 22.Rh1 f5
23.Kg1 Bxd2 24.Qxd2 f4 25.b4 Qg5
26.Bf3 Re7 27.Kf1 Rg7 28.Ke2 Bd7
29.Nb5 Kf7 30.Rh2 h3 31.gxh3 Qh4
32.Kd3 Rag8 33.Qe2 Ke7 34.Kc2 c6
35.dxc6 bxc6 36.Nxd6 Kxd6 37.c5+
Nxc5 38.bxc5+ Kc7 39.Qd2 Qe7

40.Qa5+ Kb8 41.Rb1+ Ka8 42.Qb4
Be6 43.Rhh1 Qh4 44.Rh2 Rd7
45.Qa4 Rc8 46.Qa6 Qd8 47.Rg2 Qf8
48.Qa5 Rcd8 49.Rg6 Bc4 50.Rd6
Rxd6 51.cxd6 Qxd6 52.Rd1 Bd3+
53.Kc1 Qd4 54.Bg4 Qa1+ 55.Kd2
Qd4 56.Qc3 Qxe4 57.Kc1 Rd4 58.Be6
Bb5 59.Re1 Qg6 60.Rxe5 Rd6
61.Rxb5 Qg1+ 62.Kb2 Qxf2+ 63.Kb3
Qh4 64.Bd5 Qh6 65.Rc5 Rxd5
66.Rxd5 Qe6 67.Qh8+ Kb7 68.Qg7+
Ka6 69.Qe5 Qxh3+ 70.Kb4 cxd5
71.Qd6+ Kb7 72.Qxd5+ Kc7

$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (72) Citak,S (2327)-Dogan,N
(2219) Izmir 2024

5.e3 g6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0
8.a3 a5 9.Rb1 e5 10.h3 Qe7 11.Bc2
e4 12.Nd2 Bf5 13.g4 Bd7 14.Ndxe4
Nxe4 15.Bxe4 f5 16.gxf5 Bxf5 17.Bxf5
Rxf5 18.f4 Qh4 19.Qg4 Qh6 20.d5
Ne7 21.e4 Rf7 22.Be3 Raf8 23.Nb5
Nc8 24.Rbe1 c6 25.Nc3 Bf6 26.e5
Bh4 27.e6 Rf5 28.Re2 g5 29.Rg2
Kh8 30.Bd4+ Kg8 31.Ne4 Rxf4
32.Rxf4 Rxf4 33.Qxf4 Qg6 34.Qf7+
Qxf7 35.exf7+ Kxf7 36.Nxg5+ Kg6
37.Nf3+ Kh5 38.Nxh4 Kxh4 39.dxc6
bxc6 40.Rg7 Kh5 41.Rxh7+ Kg6
42.Rc7 c5 43.Rxc8 cxd4 44.Rd8 d5
45.Rxd5 Kf6 46.Rxd4 1-0 (46) Pujari,R
(2175)-Pragnya,H (2002) Chess.
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5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5
8.e3 Bg7 9.Be2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 g4
11.Nd2 h5 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.a3 Qg5
14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.c5 d5 16.Nb3 e5
17.dxe5 Bf5 18.Bd3 Be6 19.Bb5 d4
20.Ne4 Qxe5 21.Bxc6 d3 22.Bxb7+
Kxb7 23.Na5+ Kc8 24.Qc3 Qxe4
25.Qxg7 d2+ 26.Rxd2 Bf5 0-1 (26)
Ahmed,H (2121)-Mahindrakar,I
(2000) Muscat 2023

⁶⁰ **11.Bd3** Nh5 12.Bc2 f5 13.exf5
gxf5 14.0-0 f4 15.Bd2 0-0 16.Kh2 Nf5
17.Qd1 Qe8 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.Ne4 Nf6
20.Qe2 Kh8 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bc3 Nxg4+
23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.Rh1 Rg8 25.Kg2 Nf5
26.Rag1 Qg6 27.Kf1 b5 28.b3 bxc4
29.bxc4 Rab8 30.Ke1 Bf6 31.Rxg4
Qxg4 32.Nxf6 Qg2 33.Rh2 Qg6
34.Nxg8 Kxg8 35.Qc2 e4 36.Bxe4
Re8 37.Kd2 1-0 (37) Savchenko,B
(2489)-Mahindrakar,I (2039)
Bhubaneswar 2024

⁶¹ **5.g3** Qe7 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Bxc3
8.bxc3 0-0 9.Qc2 e5 10.Rb1 Re8
11.e3 Rb8 12.Ng5 Nd8 13.d5 h6
14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 b6 16.f4 Nb7
17.f5 Nc5 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Kh1 a5
20.Qf2 Ba6 21.Bd3 e4 22.Be2 Qf6
23.Qf4 Ne5 24.Qh4 Qxh4 25.gxh4
Bxc4 26.Rb2 Bxd5 27.f6 Re6 28.fxg7
Rg6 29.Bh5 Rxg7 0-1 (29) Torngren,G
(2269)-Haarr,J (2218) Norway 2024

5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d6
[6...0-0 7.Qd3 h6 8.g3 d5 9.cxd5
exd5 10.Bg2 Ne7 11.0-0 c6 12.Nh4
g5 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Qd1 Ng6 15.Ne1
Ne4 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.f3 Nxd2
18.Qxd2 Bh3 19.Rb1 b5 20.Nd3
Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rae8 22.Rbe1 f6
23.Nc5 Qc8 24.Qc2 Kg7 25.Rf2 Rf7
26.Qd3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (26) Miksi,B (1290)-
Czigler,D (1726) Hajduszoboszlo
2024]

7.a4 0-0 8.g4 e5 9.g5 Nd7 10.h4 b6
11.h5 g6 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.dxe5 Bb7
14.Qd5+ Kg7 15.e6 Nc5 16.Be3 Qe7
17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Qe4 Rae8 19.Qh4
Kg8 20.Rd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8 Nxd8
22.Bh3 Bxf3 23.exf3 Nxe6 24.Qe4
Re8 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6+ 26.Bxe6+
Rxe6+ 27.Kd2 Re5 28.f4 Re4 29.a5
Rxf4 30.axb6 axb6 31.Kd3 Rxf2

32.Ra1 Kg7 33.Ra7 Rf7 34.Ke4 h5
35.gxh6+ Kxh6 36.Kd5 g5 37.Ke6 Kg6
38.Ra1 Rf3 39.Ra7 Rxc3 40.Rxc7
Rxc4 0-1 (40) Chisholm,M (1917)-
Brookens,L (1839) Glasgow 2023

⁶² **5...d6** 6.d5 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Nb8
8.g3 e5 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Rc1
Nd7 12.b4 a5 13.a3 Qe7 14.Bb2 f5
15.Ne1 axb4 16.axb4 b6 17.Qc2 Ndf6
18.Nd3 h5 19.f3 Ng5 20.h4 Ngh7
21.Qd2 Bd7 22.Ra1 Rae8 23.Ra7 f4
24.gxf4 e4 25.fxe4 Ng4 26.Qe1 Ne3
27.Rxc7 Nxg2 28.Kxg2 Bh3+ 29.Kxh3
Qxc7 30.Rg1 Nf6 31.e5 Qc8+ 32.e6
Qxc4 33.Rg5 Re7 34.Qg3 Qe4
35.Qg2 Qe3+ 36.Rg3 Qd2 37.Rg5
Qe3+ 38.Rg3 Qd2 39.Rg5 Qe3+
½-½ (39) Tenuunbold,B (2290)-
Florencio da Silva,Y (2030) Muscat
2023

⁶³ **6.a3** Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Rc1
[8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 a5 10.b3 d6
11.g3 Qe7 12.Bg2 e5 13.d5 Nb8
14.0-0 Bg4 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4
Nd7 17.e4 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 g6 19.Rfc1
b6 20.Ra3 Rxa3 21.Qxa3 f5 22.Qa7
fxe4 23.Bg4 Qg5 24.Be6+ Kh8
25.Rf1 Qd8 26.c5 dxc5 27.d6 Qe8
28.Bh3 cxd6 29.Qxd7 Qxd7 30.Bxd7
Rd8 31.Bc6 Kg7 32.Bxe4 cxb4
33.Rb1 d5 34.Bf3 e4 35.Bd1 Kf6
36.Rxb4 Rd6 37.Kf1 Ke5 38.h4 Rc6
39.Rb5 Kd4 40.Bb3 Rc5 41.Rxb6
Kc3 42.Ke1 d4 43.Bd1 d3 44.Rb3+
Kd4 45.Rb4+ Ke5 46.Kd2 Ra5
47.Ke3 1-0 (47) Urh,Z (2256)-Burnett,
A (2193) Darlington 2024]
8...Nxc3 9.Rxc3 d6 10.e4 e5 11.d5
Nb8 12.Be2 a5 13.0-0 Na6 14.Qb1
a4 15.Ne1 Nc5 16.f3 f5 17.Nd3 Nb3
18.Qd1 b6 19.Qe1 Qg5 20.f4 exf4

21.Nxf4 Bd7 22.Rg3 Qh6 23.Bd3
Rae8 24.Ne6 Bxe6 25.dxe6 Rxe6
26.Rgf3 Nc5 27.Qd1 f4 28.Bc2 g5
29.Qd5 Kh8 30.Rh3 Qg6 31.Bb1 Re5
32.Qc6 Qg7 33.g3 Ne6 34.Qxa4 f3
35.g4 Nd4 36.Qd1 c5 37.Rhxf3 Rxf3
38.Rxf3 Nxf3+ 39.Qxf3 Re7 40.Kg2
Qxb2+ 41.Kh3 Kg7 42.Qf5 Qf6
43.Qd5 Qf3# 0-1 (43) Hamidov,A (2307)-
Klugin,K (2413) Chess.com INT
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⁶⁴ **7.Bd3** Qe7 8.a3
[8.0-0 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 e5 10.d5 Nb8
11.e4 a5 12.h3 Nbd7 13.a3 Nc5
14.Qc2 a4 15.Nd2 Nh5 16.Bb4
Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Nf4 18.Qf3 f5
19.Kh2 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Bf5 21.Qe3
b6 22.Ne4 Qd7 23.g4 Bg6 24.f3 h5
25.Be1 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Rf6 27.Bg3
Raf8 28.Bxf4 Rxf4 29.Qe2 Qf7
30.Kg2 Qf6 31.Kg3 e4 32.Rac1 h4+
33.Kh2 Rxf3 34.Rxf3 Qxf3 35.Qxf3
Rxf3 36.Re1 e3 37.Re2 Kf7 38.Kg2
Rg3+ 39.Kh2 Kf6 40.Re1 Ke5
41.Rf1 Kd4 42.Rf7 e2 43.Re7 Re3
44.Rxe3 Kxe3 45.Kg2 e1Q 46.g5
Qg3+ 47.Kh1 Kf2 48.b3 0-1 (48)
Dlugosz Cattani,R-Tomasi,D (1878)
Arco 2024]
8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 e5 10.Be2 Bf5 11.d5
Nb8 12.Nd2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Nc5 14.f3
a5 15.e4 Bd7 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4
Na4 18.Nb1 Nxc3 19.Nxc3 Nh5 20.g3
Qg5 21.Kf2 f5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Qc1
f4 24.g4 Qh4+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qe1
Qg5 27.h4 Qg6 28.Kh2 Qe8 29.Qd2
Ra3 30.Rb1 Qd8 31.Qb2 Nxg4+
32.fxg4 Qxh4+ 33.Kg1 Qg3+ 34.Kf1
Rxc3 35.Qd2 f3 36.Bd1 Bxg4 37.Qf2
Bh3+ 38.Ke1 Re3+ 0-1 (38) Devaev,A
(2325)-Rodriguez Avila,A (2190)
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7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.Be2 e5
 [9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 e5
 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Rad1
 h6 15.Rd2 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Rxd2
 17.Rxd2 Bg6 18.b4 e4 19.Ne1 a6
 20.Rd5 f6 21.f4 exf3 22.Bxf3 Re8
 23.Kf2 Ne5 24.Rd4 c6 25.h3 Kh8
 26.Bd1 Bf7 27.Nc2 Bg6 28.c5 Qe6
 29.Ne1 Bf7 30.Be2 g5 31.Bg4
 Nxc4+ 32.hxc4 Kg7 33.Rd6 Qe7
 34.Qd4 Bd5 35.Nc2 Qe5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (35)
 Zucchelli,M (1689)-Tomasì,D (1878)
 Arco 2024]

10.0-0 h6 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.dxe5 dxe5
 13.h3 Bh5 14.b4 Bg6 15.Qb2 e4
 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 a5 18.Rfd1
 Rfd8 19.c5 Ne8 20.Bc4 axb4 21.axb4
 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bf5 23.Qd4 h5 24.Bd5
 c6 25.Bb3 Be6 26.Bxe6 Qxe6 27.Bg3
 Nf6 28.Bh4 Nd5 29.b5 Kh7 30.bxc6
 bxc6 31.Bg3 g5 32.Qe5 Qxe5 33.Bxe5
 Ra2 34.Rb1 Rc2 35.Bd4 Nc3 36.Rb7
 Kg6 37.Rc7 Ne2+ 38.Kf1 Nxd4
 39.exd4 f5 40.Rxc6+ Kf7 41.Rd6 f4
 42.c6 Rc1+ 43.Ke2 Rc2+ 44.Ke1 e3
 45.fxe3 fxe3 46.Rd7+ Ke6 47.d5+ Ke5
 48.c7 Ke4 49.Re7+ Kd3 50.Kd1 Rxc2
 51.Rxe3+ Kxe3 52.c8Q Rd2+ 53.Kc1
 Rxd5 54.Qe6+ Kd4 55.Qf6+ Ke4
 56.Qg6+ Kf4 57.Qxh5 Kf5 58.Qg4+
 Kf6 59.Kc2 Rf5 60.Kd3 Rf4 61.Qg3
 Rh4 62.Ke3 Kg6 63.Qf3 Kh6 64.Qc6+
 Kh5 65.Qd7 Kh6 66.Kf3 Rf4+ 67.Kg3
 Rh4 68.Qe6+ Kh5 69.Qf6 Rf4 70.Qg7
 1-0 (70) Ghimoyan,N (2168)-
 Bazyrtsyrenov,K (2284) Chess.com
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⁶⁵ **8...exd4** 9.axb4 Nxb4 10.Qb3
 dxc3 11.Bxc3 Na6 12.Qc2 Nc5 13.b4
 Nce4 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Bd3 c5 16.b5
 b6 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Qe7 19.Ra3
 Ng4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Qc3 f6 22.Nd2

Bb7 23.Rda1 d5 24.h3 Ne5 25.Rxa7
 Rxa7 26.Rxa7 Ra8 27.Rxa8+ Bxa8
 28.Qa3 Qb7 29.Bxe5 dxc4 30.f3 fxe5
 31.Nxc4 e4 32.Nxb6 Qxb6 33.Qxa8+
 Kf7 34.Qd5+ Kf6 35.Qxe4 Qxb5
 36.Qxh7 c4 37.Qh4+ Kf7 38.Qd4 Qb3
 39.Qd5+ Kf8 40.Kf2 Qb2+ 41.Ke1 c3
 42.Qf5+ Kg8 43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Qc8+
 Kf7 45.Qd7+ Kf8 46.Qf5+ Ke7
 47.Qe5+ Kd7 48.Qxg7+ Kc6 49.Qg6+
 Kb5 50.Qd3+ Kb4 51.Qd6+ Kb3
 52.Qd5+ Kb4 53.Qb7+ Ka3 54.Qa6+
 Kb3 55.Qb5+ Ka2 56.Qc4+ Kb1
 57.Qd3+ c2 58.Kf2 Ka1 59.Qa6+ Qa2
 60.Qf6+ Kb1 61.Qf5 Kb2 62.Qb5+
 Kc3 63.Qc5+ Kd2 0-1 (63) Tulchynskyi,
 F (2325)-Yeletsy,I (2504) Chess.
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⁶⁶ **10.d5** Nb8 11.Nd2 b6 12.Bd3 h6
 13.b4 Nbd7 14.0-0 a5 15.Rfb1 axb4
 16.axb4 Bb7 17.e4 Rfb8 18.Nb3 Qd8
 19.Bd2 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Ra8 21.Rb1
 Ra7 22.c5 dxc5 23.bxc5 Ba6 24.Bxa6
 Rxa6 25.f3 Qa8 26.Be3 Ra2 27.Rb2
 Ra3 28.cxb6 cxb6 29.Bf2 Qa4 30.g3
 Qa6 31.Kg2 Ra4 32.g4 Rc4 33.Qe2
 Qc8 34.Na1 Rc1 35.Rc2 Rxc2
 36.Nxc2 Qc3 37.Ne3 Nc5 38.Qc2 Qb4
 39.h3 Qb5 40.Nf5 Nfd7 41.Nd6 Qa6
 42.Nf5 Kh7 43.Ne7 Nd3 44.Bg3 N7c5
 45.Nc6 f6 46.h4 Qa1 47.Qd2 Qb1
 48.h5 Qb2 49.Qxb2 Nxb2 50.Kf1
 Nbd3 51.Be1 g6 52.Bd2 g5 53.Ke2
 Nf4+ 54.Bxf4 gxf4 55.Ne7 Kg7
 56.Nf5+ Kh7 57.Kd2 Kh8 58.Nxh6
 Nb3+ 59.Kd3 Nd4 60.d6 Ne6 61.Kc4
 Kg7 62.Nf5+ Kf8 63.h6 Kg8 64.Kb5
 1-0 (64) Cardilli,M (2008)-Wegelin,
 R (1773) Arco 2023

⁶⁷ **10...a5** 11.h3 a4 12.dxe5 dxe5
 13.0-0 Ne8N

[Vorgänger: 13...Nd7 14.Rad1 Nc5 15.Bb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 Nb3 17.Qe4 f6 18.c5 Ra7 19.Bc4+ Be6 0-1 Rakhmanov,A (2645)-Gazik,V (2502) EU-ch Online 2300+ Final 2020 (3)]

14.Rfd1 f6 15.Bd3 f5 16.e4 Nd6 17.c5 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxc5 20.Nxe5 Qxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf5 22.Qxf5 Bxf5 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Rd4 Be6 25.Re1 c5 26.Rd3 Rae8 27.Re4 c4 28.Rg3 g6 29.Rg5 c6 30.Ra5 Bd5 31.Ra7 Bf7 32.Rxc4 Ra8 33.Rcxa4 Rxa7 34.Rxa7 Re8 35.g4 Bd5 36.Rg7+ Kf8 37.Rxh7 Re2+ 38.Kg1 Rg2+ 39.Kf1 Rh2 40.h4 Bc4+ 41.Kg1 Re2 42.h5 Re4 43.h6 Rxg4+ 44.Kf2 Bf7 45.Rxf7+ 1-0 (45) Atalik,S (2439)-Ljepic,A (2228) Paracin 2024

11.d5 Nb8 12.h3 Bh5 13.0-0 c6 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.b4 Rac8 17.Rd2 Bg6 18.Qb2 Ne4 19.Rdd1 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Rd7 21.Nd2 Nd8 22.Bg4 Ne6 23.Nb3 b6 24.Rd2 Rdc7 25.c5 dxc5 26.bxc5 f5 27.Be2 Nxc5 28.Nxc5 Qxc5 29.Qb2 Qc3 30.Rfd1 Qxb2 31.Rxb2 Rc1 32.Kh2 Rxd1 33.Bxd1 Kf8 34.Rb5 Rc5 35.Rb4 Ke7 36.g4 Kd6 37.Kg3 Rc3 38.gxf5 Bxf5 39.a4 Kc5 40.Rb5+ Kd6 41.Rb4 Bd7 42.Bg4 Be8 43.Be2 Ra3 44.Bd1 Kc5 45.Rg4 g6 46.Rh4 h5 47.Re4 Kd6 48.Kh4 Bc6 49.Rb4 Kc5 50.Rb1 Bxa4 51.Bxa4 Rxa4+ 52.Kg5 Ra2 53.Rf1 b5 54.Kxg6 h4 55.f4 exf4 56.exf4 Kd6 57.f5 Ke7 58.Re1+ Kf8 59.Kf6 Ra6+ 60.Kg5 b4 61.Rc1 Rb6 62.f6 b3 63.Kg6 Rb8 64.Rc7 b2 65.Rf7+ Ke8 66.Re7+ Kd8 67.Re1 b1Q+ 68.Rxb1 Rxb1 69.f7 Ke7 70.Kg5 Kxf7 0-1 (70) Mikaelyan,A (2508)-Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

⁶⁸ **6.cxd5** exd5 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 a5 9.e3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.Qc2 Re8 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Ne4 17.f3 Qh4+ 18.Kd1 Nf2+ 19.Ke2 Nxh1 20.Rxh1 c5 21.Be1 Qe7 22.f4 g5 23.h4 gxf4 24.exf4 d4 25.Qe4 Rad8 26.h5 d3+ 27.Kd2 Rd4 28.Qf5 Qe6 29.Qxe6 fxe6 30.Rf1 Rf8 31.Bg3 c4 32.Rf3 b5 33.g5 Re4 34.Rf2 b4 35.axb4 axb4 36.g6 Rd8 37.f5 exf5 38.Rxf5 Re2+ 39.Kd1 c3 40.bxc3 bxc3 41.e6 c2+ 0-1 (41) Melikhov,E (2172)-Nevednichy,V (2457) Chess.com INT 2024

⁶⁹ **7.Be2** Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.Rxc3 Qe7 11.a3 Rd8 12.0-0 a5 13.Qc1 Bd7 14.h3 Be8 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bb5 Qd6 17.Re1 Rdc8 18.Re2 f6 19.Rec2 Kf8 20.Ne1 Nxd4 21.exd4 Bxb5 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Re3 c6 24.Rce2 Re8 25.Qb1 g6 26.Qc1 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Re8 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.Kf1 Bd7 30.Qc5 Qxc5 31.dxc5 Bf5 32.Nd4 Bd3+ 33.Ke1 Ke7 34.g3 Kd7 35.Kd2 Bc4 36.Ke3 Ba6 37.h4 a4 38.f4 b6 39.b4 axb3 40.Nxb3 Bc4 41.Nd2 Ba6 42.Kd4 b5 ½-½ (42) Alijonov,K (1672)-Magai,V (2492) Moscow 2024

⁷⁰ **11.Bb2** Bd7 12.Bd3 Be8 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ne5 Rf6 15.f3 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rc6 17.Qe2 Qh4+ 18.g3 Nxg3 19.Qf2 Qh6 20.Rg1 Ne4 21.fxe4 fxe4 22.Bf1 Bg6 23.Rc1 Rf8 24.Qd2 Rxc1+ 25.Bxc1 c6 26.Qg2 Rf3 27.Be2 Qh4+ 28.Kd1 Rf2 29.Qg3 Qxh2 30.Qxh2 Rxh2 31.Bd2 Kf7 32.Bxa5 Ke6 33.Bc3 Rh3 34.Bg4+ 1-0 (34) Lupulescu,C (2581)-Manolache,M (2399) Sebes 2023

⁷¹ **5...d5** 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.a3 Bf5 10.Qb3 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Be4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qe7 14.Rc1 0-0-0 15.Qc5 Qxe5 16.e3 Kb8 17.a4 b6 18.Qc3 d4 19.exd4 Rxd4 20.Qe3 Re8 21.Be2 Bxg2 22.Rg1 Qa5+ 23.Qc3 Bf3 24.Rc2 Qxc3+ 25.bxc3 Rde4 **0-1 (25) Johnson, D (2271)-Gasnov,E (2474) London 2024**

5...0-0 6.Bd2

[6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 d6

A) 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 has lost popularity (9.Bg2).verliert an Beliebtheit (9.Lg2). dxe5 10.Bg5 Re8 11.Rd1 Qe7 12.Bg2 **Ne4N** (Vorgänger: 12...Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nh4 Rad8 16.0-0 Qe6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 **0-1 Pinazo Donoso,J (2140)-Vehi Bach,V (2410) Barbera del Valles op 1998 (2)**) 13.Bxe7 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rxe7 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bxc6 Bg4 17.f3 bxc6 18.fxg4 Rae8 19.0-0 R5e7 20.g5 g6 21.h4 Kg7 22.c5 Rb8 23.Rf6 h6 24.Rd3 hxg5 25.hxg5 Rb5 26.Rxc6 Rxe2 27.Rf3 Rb1+ 28.Rf1 Rbb2 29.Rf3 Rg2+ 30.Kf1 Rh2 31.Kg1 Rbg2+ 32.Kf1 Rc2 33.Kg1 Rhg2+ 34.Kf1 Rgd2 35.Kg1 Rd1+ 36.Rf1 Rd7 37.Rf3 a5 38.Ra6 Rd5 39.Rc6 Rd1+ 40.Rf1 Rd7 41.Rf3 Kg8 42.Ra6 Rd1+ 43.Rf1 Rd3 44.Ra8+ Kg7 45.Rc8 Rxc3+ 46.Kh1 Rgg2 47.Rf3 Rge2 48.Kg1 Re1+ 49.Rf1 Re7 50.Rf3 Rd2 51.Ra8 Re1+ 52.Rf1 Re5 53.Rxa5 Rxc5+ 54.Kh1 Rd3 55.Kh2 Rxc3 56.Ra6 Rxc5 **0-1 (56) Achuthan,A (1947)-Delgado Ramirez,N (2518) Sunnyvale 2023;**

B) 8.e3 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qxe5 Re8 12.Qg5 h6 13.Qh4 Re4 14.f4 Bg4 15.Bd2 Qd4 16.Qg3 Nh5 **0-1 (16) Wagner, J (2123)-Dolzikhova,K (2345) Gmund am Tegernsee 2024]**

6...Re8 7.a3 Bf8 8.e3 a5 9.Be2 d6 10.0-0 b6 11.d5 Ne7 12.e4 c6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rfd1 Bb7 18.Rd2 Ba6 19.Rad1 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Ne5 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Rd7 Ra7 23.Bh5 Be7 24.Rxa7 Qxa7 25.Qc6 Qb8 26.Rc1 Bc5 27.Qd7 Re7 28.Qd3 Rc7 29.Qg3+ Kf8 30.Rd1 Bd4 31.Qb3 Qc8 32.Qf3 Ke7 33.Rf1 Rc2 34.g4 h6 35.b3 Qc5 36.h4 Rc3 37.Qd1 Bxf2+ 38.Rxf2 Rc1 39.Qxc1 Qxc1+ 40.Kg2 Qe3 41.g5 hxg5 42.Rf3 Qxe4 43.hxg5 fxg5 44.Kf1 f5 45.b4 axb4 46.axb4 g4 47.Bxg4 Qxg4 48.Rc3 Qxb4 49.Rc7+ Kf6 **0-1 (49) Perkampus,L (2139)-Nadj Hedjesi,B (2238) Ayvalik 2024**

5...Qe7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.d5 exd5 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxf6 gxf6 13.cxd5 Ne7 14.Rd1 Re8 15.g3 Bg4 16.Bg2 Ng6 17.Nd4 Re7 18.h3 Bd7 19.0-0 Rc8 20.e3 c5 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Rc1 c5 23.Nc2 Rb8 24.b4 Ne5 25.Rfd1 Rb6 26.Ne1 cxb4 27.axb4 Be6 28.Rd4 d5 29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Rxb4 31.Nd3 Nxd3 32.Rxd3 Kg7 33.Ra3 Rb2 34.Rca1 Rbb7 35.Ra6 Rec7 36.Kg2 Re7 37.R1a4 h5 38.h4 Kg6 39.R4a5 Re6 40.Rxa7 Rb2 41.R7a6 f5 42.e4 fxe4 43.Rxe6+ fxe6 44.Re5 Rb4 45.Rxe6+ Kh7 46.Kf1 Kg7 47.Ke2 Kf7 48.Re5 **1-0 (48) Yong,J (1464)-Ismail,A (1821) Penang 2023**

⁷² **6.a3** Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 a5 8.b3 Qe7

9.Bb2 0-0 10.e3 Re8 11.h3 e5
 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.e4 Nc5
 15.Bd3 Ra6 16.Qc3 Rd8 17.Bc2 Nd4
 18.Bd1 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Rd3 20.Qxe5
 Qxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxf3 22.gxf3 Nd3+
 23.Ke2 Nxe5 24.Rad1 Nc6 25.f4 Kf8
 26.Rd3 f5 27.Rhd1 Be6 28.exf5 Bxf5
 29.Re3 Ra8 30.Rd5 g6 31.h4 h5
 32.Kd2 Rd8 33.Kc3 Kf7 34.Rxd8 Nxd8
 35.Re5 b6 36.Rd5 Ne6 37.Rd7+ Ke8
 38.Rh7 Kd8 39.b4 axb4+ 40.Kxb4 Kc8
 41.a4 Nxf4 42.c5 Nd3+ 43.Kb5 Nxc5
 44.a5 Bd7+ 45.Kb4 Kb7 46.Rg7 Bf5
 47.Kb5 0-1 (47) Kalinin,D (1997)-
 Stevens,C (2260) Toronto 2024

⁷³ **6...e5** 7.d5 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne7
 9.e4 0-0 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.0-0-0 f5
 12.Bd3 f4 13.c5 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7
 15.Nc4 Ng6 16.Qf2 Qe7 17.cxd6 cxd6
 18.Kb1 Nc7 19.Bb4 Rf6 20.Rc1 Bb5
 21.Rhd1 Qd7 22.Bf1 Na6 23.Ba3 h6
 24.Rd2 Kh7 25.Rdc2 h5 26.Rc3 Kh6
 27.Ka1 Kh7 28.R3c2 Kh6 29.Rc3 Kh7
 30.b3 Kh6 31.Nxd6 Bxf1 32.Nf5+ Kh7
 33.Qxf1 Nh8 34.Qf2 Re8 35.Qh4 Rxf5
 36.exf5 Qxf5 37.g4 fxg3 38.hxg3 Ng6
 39.Qe4 1-0 (39) Nithin,B (2177)-Nitin,S
 (2385) Bangalore 2024

⁷⁴ **9.b3** Re8 10.e3 e5 11.Be2 Bg4
 12.0-0 Qe7 13.b4 e4 14.Nh4 Bxe2
 15.Qxe2 d5 16.b5 Nb8 17.f3 Nbd7
 18.fxe4 Qxe4 19.Nf5 dxc4 20.Qxc4
 Nb6 21.Qxc7 Nbd5 22.Qg3 Qg4
 23.Rac1 Nxe3 24.Nxe3 Qxg3 25.hxg3
 Rxe3 26.Bd2 Rxa3 27.Rc7 Rd3
 28.Bg5 Rxd4 29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Rxf6
 Rf8 31.Rxb7 a4 32.Ra6 Rb4 33.Raa7
 Kg7 34.Kh2 Kg6 35.b6 Kg7 36.Ra5
 Re8 37.Rf5 Rf8 38.Rf4 Rxf4 39.gxf4
 Ra8 40.Ra7 Rb8 41.b7 a3 42.Kh3 a2
 43.g4 Rxb7 44.Rxa2 Rb4 45.Kg3 Kg6

46.Ra6+ f6 47.g5 Rb3+ 48.Kg4 h5+
 49.gxh6 Kxh6 50.Rxf6+ Kg7 51.Ra6
 Rb5 52.f5 Kf7 53.Kg5 Rb1 54.Ra7+
 Kf8 55.Kg6 Rg1+ 56.Kf6 Kg8 57.Ra8+
 Kh7 58.Kf7 Rb1 59.Re8 Rb7+ 60.Re7
 Rb8 61.f6 Kh6 62.Re2 Rb7+ 63.Ke6
 Rb6+ 64.Kf5 Rb5+ 65.Re5 Rb7
 66.Ra5 Rb1 67.Ra2 Rb5+ 68.Ke6
 Rb6+ 69.Kf7 Rb7+ 70.Ke8 Rb8+
 71.Ke7 Rb7+ 72.Kd8 Rb8+ 73.Kd7
 Rb7+ 74.Ke6 Rb6+ 75.Ke5 Rb5+
 76.Ke6 Rb6+ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (76) Pesotskiy,M
 (2155)-Klugin,K (2413) Chess.com
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⁷⁵ **11.dxe5** Nd7 12.Bd3 h6 13.0-0-0
 Qe7 14.g4 Nc5 15.h4 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3
 b6 17.g5 h5 18.g6 Bb7 19.Ng5 f6
 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Ne4 Ne5 22.Bxe5
 fxe5 23.Rde1 Qf8 24.Kb1 Rad8
 25.Qe2 Qf5 26.f3 Kg7 27.Rhg1 Rf8
 28.Ref1 Rd4 29.Ka1 Bxe4 30.fxe4
 Rxe4 31.Qd1 Rd4 32.Qc1 Rf4 33.Rd1
 Kg8 34.g7 Re8 35.Qd2 Qf6 36.Qd7
 Qe7 37.Qxe7 Rxe7 38.Rd8+
 1-0 (38) Bjerre,J (2641)-Klugin,K
 (2390) Chess.com INT 2024

⁷⁶ **4...g6** 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d5
 [6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4 e5
 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Nb5
 Qe7 12.b3 Rd8 13.Ba3 Rxd1
 14.Bxe7 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Ne8 16.Rd1
 Be6 17.Rd8 Rxd8 18.Bxd8 c6
 19.Nxa7 Bf8 20.Bb6 Bb4 21.a4 Kf8
 22.a5 Ke7 23.a6 Kd7 24.Nxc6 Kxc6
 25.a7 Kxb6 26.a8Q Nc7 27.Qh8
 1-0 (27) Badamkhand,N (1937)-Tardi,
 O (1760) Muscat 2023]

6...Ne7 7.Nc3 d6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.0-0
 0-0 10.Qc2 e5 11.b3 Bf5 12.e4 Bg4
 13.Nd2 Nc6 14.f3 Nd4 15.Qd3 Be6
 16.Bb2 Nd7 17.b4 c5 18.a3 a5 19.b5

a4 20.Nd5 Nf6 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.f4 Ng4 23.Rae1 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Ne3 25.Rxe3 dxe3 26.Nc4 Rc8 27.b6 exf4 28.gxf4 Qh4 29.Nxd6 Rc3 30.Qb5 Rc2 31.Qxa4 Rxc2 32.Kxc2 e2 33.Qc4 Qg4+ 34.Kh1 exf1Q+ 35.Qxf1 Rxf4
 0-1 (35) [Hernando Rodrigo, J \(2202\)-Damjanovic, V \(2346\) Chess.com INT 2023](#)

4...Ne4 5.a3 Be7 6.Bg2 f5 7.d5 Nb8 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 Bf6 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 d6 12.e4 exd5 13.exd5 a5 14.Rb1 a4 15.Nf3 b6 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Be3 Na6 18.Rbd1 Nc5 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 f4 21.Qc3 Qg5 22.h4 Qg6 23.Re7 Rf7 24.Rde1 fxc3 25.Qxc3 Qxc3 26.fxc3 Raf8 27.Bf1 Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Rf7 29.Re3 Bg4 30.Kg2 Bh3+ 31.Kxh3 Rxf1 32.Re7 Rf7 33.Re2 g6 34.h5 Rf5 35.hxc6 hxc6 36.Kg4 Nd7 37.Re7 Rf7 38.Re8+ Rf8 39.Re1 Rf5 40.Re7 Rf7 41.Re6 Kh7 42.Re1 Kg8 43.Kg5 Nf8 44.g4 Rh7 45.Re8 Rf7 46.Ra8 Re7 47.Kf4 g5+ 48.Kf5 Kf7 49.Rc8 Ng6 50.Bf6 Rd7 51.Kxc5 **1-0 (51)**
[Fernandez Diaz, C \(2192\)-Dickl, E \(1999\) Barcelona 2024](#)

⁷⁷ **5.cxd5** exd5 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Be3 Nf6 11.Bf4 Na5 12.Rc1 c6 13.Ne5 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 b6 17.Qa4 Rad8 18.Rfd1 Bg4 19.Rd2 Be6 20.Nc5 bxc5 21.Qxa5 c4 22.Bf1 Qb7 23.a3 Bf6 24.Be3 Rd7 25.Bxc4 Bg4 26.Ba6 Qa8 27.Bf1 Rd5 28.Rc5 Bf3 29.Rxd5 Bxd5 30.Bg2 Rd8 31.Bxd5 Rxd5 32.Qa4 h5 33.Rc2 Rd6 34.Rc5 h4 35.Ra5 Rd7 36.d5 h3 37.Rxa7 Rxa7 38.Qxa7 Qc8 39.d6 Qg4 40.Qa8+ Kh7 41.Qa6 Qd1+ 42.Qf1 Qxd6 43.Qxh3+ Kg8 44.Qc8+

Kh7 45.Qf5+ Kg8 46.b4 Bb2 47.Qc8+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kg8 49.Qa5 Qd1+ 50.Kg2 Qc2 51.Qd8+ Kh7 52.Qd2 Qxd2 53.Bxd2 Bxa3 54.Kf3 Kg8 55.Bc3 Kf8 56.Ke3 g6 57.Kd4 Ke8 58.Kc5 Kd7 59.h4 f5 60.f3 Bc1 61.g4 fxc3 62.fxc3 Bf4 63.Bg7 Be3+ 64.Kc4 Ke6 65.h5 gxf4 66.gxf4 Kf5 67.h6 Kg6 68.Kb3 Bd2 69.Kc4 Be1 70.Kb3 Bd2 71.Kc4 Be3 72.Kd3 Bf2 73.Bd4 Be1 74.Bc3 Bg3 75.Bd2 Bd6 76.Kc4 Kh7 77.Be3 Kg6 78.Kb3 Be5 79.Ka4 Bc7 80.Bd2 Bb6 81.Kb3 Bc7 82.Kc4 Bd6 83.Kd4 Bxb4 84.h7 **½-½ (84)**
[Gerasimov, V \(1661\)-Dolinskaya, M \(2009\) St Petersburg 2024](#)

⁷⁸ **5...h6** 6.0-0 Bd6 is now debated instead of 6...Be7. wird nun anstelle von 6...Le7 diskutiert. 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Ne5 Na5 **12.c5N**
 [Vorgänger: 12.Bc3 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.e3 Bb4 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Bxb4 Qxb4 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Nd3 1-0 Smirnov, P (2538)-Skatchkov, V (2213) RUS-ch Rapid 2023 (4)]
 12...bxc5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qc2 Ba3 15.Bxa3 Qxa3 16.Qc5 Qxa2 17.Rc2 Nxb3 18.Qxf8+ **1-0 (18) Lacrosse, M (2112)-Brady, R (1817) Vlissingen 2024**

5...Ne7 6.0-0 Ng6 7.Qc2 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.e4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 c5 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.b3 Re8 14.h4 h5 15.Bb2 Bd7 16.Qe2 Bc6 17.d5 exd5 18.cxd5 Bf6 19.Qc2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Bb5 21.Re1 Qd6 22.Ng5 Bd3 23.Qd2 Bf5 24.Bf3 f6 25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 Ne5 27.Kg2 Rad8 28.Rad1 Ng4 29.Bg6 Re5 30.Rxe5 Nxe5 31.Bxh5 Nc6 32.Bf3 Nd4 33.Qe3 Kf8 34.b4 b6 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.Qa3 a6

37.h5 Kf7 38.Qd3 f5 39.Qc4 Rh8
 40.Rb1 Rd8 41.Rb7+ Kg8 42.Ra7 Nb5
 43.Rb7 Nd4 44.h6 gxh6 45.Bh5 Kh8
 46.Bf7 f4 47.Qd3 Qf6 48.Be6
 1-0 (48) Lezzerini,M (2087)-Tedone,
 F (1762) Lesa 2024

⁷⁹ **7.a4** a6 8.e3 b5 9.b3 cxb3
 10.Qxb3 Bd7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Bb2
 Be7 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Nd2 Bd6 15.Nce4
 Nd5 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.Bxd5 exd5
 18.Qxd5 Bh3 19.Qxc6 Bxf1 20.Nxf1
 Qb6 21.Qe4 Qb7 22.Qd3 Ra8 23.Qb3
 Rxa1 24.Bxa1 Ra8 25.Bb2 Qc6 26.d5
 Qc4 27.Nd2 Qxb3 28.Nxb3 b4 29.Kg2
 Ra2 30.Bd4 f5 31.h3 h5 32.h4 Kf7
 33.Kf3 g6 34.Bh8 Ra3 35.Nd4 b3
 36.Nb5 Ra8 37.Bb2 Ke7 38.Nc3 Kf7
 39.Nb5 Ke7 40.Nc3 Rc8 41.e4 fxe4+
 42.Kxe4 Kd7 43.Kf4 Rf8+ 44.Kg5 Rxf2
 45.Na4 Rg2 46.Kxg6 Rxc3+ 47.Kxh5
 Rg2 48.Bf6 Ke8 49.Bg5 Kf7 50.Kh6
 b2 51.Nxb2 Rxb2 52.h5 Rb5 53.Bf4
 Rxd5 0-1 (53) Naisanga,S (1652)-
 Mugide,S (1612) Kampala 2024

⁸⁰ **7...a6** 8.e4 Be7 9.e5
 9.d5 is setting a new trend.
 9.d5 setzt einen neuen Trend.
 9...Nd5 10.h4 b5 11.Ng5 h6 **12.Nge4N**
 [Vorgänger: 12.Nxd5 hxg5 13.Nxe7
 Nxe7 14.Bxg5 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7
 16.Qg4 Qd5 17.Bxe7 Kxe7
 18.Qxg7 1-0 Horvath,C (2455)-
 Boensch,U (2530) Halle DSV 1987]
 12...Ncb4 13.b3 Bb7 14.bxc4 Nxc3
 15.Nxc3 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 bxc4 17.a3
 Nd5 18.Qa4+ Qd7 19.Qxc4 Nb6
 20.Qd3 c5 21.Rd1 cxd4 22.Qxd4
 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 0-0 24.Ne4 Nd5
 25.Bd2 Rb2 26.Be1 Ne3+ 27.Kg1 Nc2
 28.Rd2 Rfb8 29.Rc1 Nxe1 30.Rxe1
 Rxd2 31.Nxd2 Rb2 32.Nc4 Rc2

33.Re4 Ra2 34.Re3 Bc5 35.Rf3 Rc2
 36.Nd6 f5 37.h5 Bd4 38.Rb3 Bxe5
 39.Rb8+ Kh7 40.Rb6 Bd4 41.Rxa6
 Bxf2+ 42.Kf1 Bxg3 43.Nf7 Rh2
 0-1 (43) Jovanovic,S (2043)-
 Perunovic,M (2373) Paracin 2024

⁸¹ **Vorgänger: 10...Bb7** 11.Bxb7
 Rxb7 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.a4 b4 14.Ne4
Vorgänger: 14...c3
 [**14...Be7N** 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qxc4 c5
 17.a5 Qc6 18.Nd6 Rbb8 19.b3 Rfd8
 20.Ne4 Nf8 21.Bg5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5
 Rd5 23.Rac1 h6 24.Ne4 Rxe5
 25.Nxc5 Rc8 26.Nd3 Qxc4 27.Rxc4
 Rxc4 28.Nxe5 Rc5 29.Nc4 Rc8
 30.Rd4 f6 31.f4 Rb8 32.Rd6 Rc8
 33.Kf2 Rc7 34.Rd8 Kf7 35.Rb8 Nd7
 36.Rxb4 Nc5 37.Rb8 Ke7 38.Nd2
 Nd7 39.Rb4 f5 40.Nc4 Nf6 41.Kf3
 g5 42.Rb8 Nd5 43.Rh8 g4+ 44.Kg2
 Nf6 45.Rxh6 Rb7 46.Rg6 Ne8
 47.Rh6 Nf6 48.Rh8 Rxb3 49.Ra8
 Rb7 50.Ne5 Kd6 51.Rd8+ Kc5
 52.Rc8+ Kb5 53.Rc6 Re7 54.Rc1
 Re8 55.Rc7 a6 56.Rb7+ Kxa5
 57.Nc6+ Ka4 58.Rb4+ Ka3 59.Rb6
 Ra8 60.Na5 Nd5 61.Rxe6 Kb4
 62.Re5 Kxa5 63.Rxd5+ Kb4 64.Rxf5
 a5 65.Rf7 a4 66.Rb7+ Kc3 67.Rb1
 a3 68.h3 Re8 69.hxg4 Rxe2+
 70.Kf3 Rb2 71.Ra1 Rb3 72.Ke4
 Kb2 73.Rxa3 Kxa3 74.f5 Rxc3
 75.Kf4 Rg1 76.f6 Kb4 77.Ke5 Re1+
 78.Kf5 Rf1+ 79.Ke6 Re1+ 80.Kd6
 Rd1+ 81.Ke7 Re1+ 82.Kf8 Rg1
 83.f7 Rxc4 84.Ke7 Rf4 85.f8Q Rxf8
 86.Kxf8 ½-½ (86) Quintiliano Pinto,R
 (2493)-Ivanov,M (2382) Prague 2024]
 15.Rb1 cxb2 16.Bh6 b3 **1-0 Bai,J**
(2585)-Bu,X (2677) Danzhou 14th
rapid 2023 (3) 17.Qc3 Bb4
 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qxb4 cxd6 20.Qxd6+

Kg8 1-0 (73) Bai,J (2585)-Bu,X (2677)
Danzhou 2023

11.Ne4 0-0 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.Bg5
f6 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.b3 Bb7 16.Bxf6
gxf6 17.bxc4 b4 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.Rd7
Qh5 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Qe4 Rb6 22.c5
Ra6 23.Rxc7 Qf5 24.Qxf5 exf5 25.Rb7
Rc6 26.Rxb4 Rxc5 27.Rf4 Rb8 28.a4
a5 29.Kg2 Kf7 30.Rd1 Rb2 31.e3 Kg6
32.h3 Rb4 33.Rdd4 Rxd4 34.Rxd4 h5
35.Kf3 Kg5 36.h4+ Kg6 37.Kf4 Rc2
38.f3 Rc5 39.g4 fxc4 40.fxc4 hxc4
41.Kxc4 Re5 42.Kf4 Rc5 43.Kf3 Kf5
44.Rf4+ Ke5 45.h5 Rc1 46.Rh4 Rc7
47.h6 Rh7 48.Rh5+ f5 49.e4 Ke6
50.Rxf5 Rxh6 51.Rxa5 Rh3+ 52.Kf4
Ra3 53.Ra6+ Ke7 54.Ke5 Ra1
55.Ra7+ Kd8 56.Ke6 Rh1 57.e5 Rh6+
58.Kd5 1-0 (58) Kazakouski,V (2608)-
Kabanov,N (2434) Chess.com INT
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⁸² **5...a5** 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 e5 8.e3
Bg4 9.h3 Bxd2 10.Qxd2 Bh5 11.b3
0-0 12.Bb2 Re8 13.a3 e4 14.Nh2 d5
15.Rfc1 Ne7 16.Bc3 c6 17.c5 g5
18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Qd7 20.Ra5 Qc7
21.Rca1 Rxa5 22.bxa5 Ra8 23.Rb1
Nd7 24.Qb2 Ra7 25.Bf1 f5 26.Bd2
Bf3 27.Nxf3 exf3 28.Bd3 h5 29.Qc2
h4 30.gxh4 gxh4 31.Kh1 Nf6 32.Rg1+
Kf7 33.Bxf5 Ra8 34.Bg6+ Ke6 35.e4
Rg8 36.e5 Ne4 37.Bxe4 dxe4 38.Rxc8
Nxc8 39.Qc4+ Kf5 40.Qxc8 Qd7
41.Qg4# 1-0 (41) Wagh,S (2250)-
Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT
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5...d6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d5 Bxd2+
8.Bxd2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 c6
11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bc3 Rb8 13.Nd2 Be6
14.a3 Qc7 15.Rc1 Rfc8 16.h3 d5
17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Bb2 Qd6 19.Nb3
Rxc1 20.Qxc1 d4 21.Nc5 Bd5 22.e4

Bc6 23.f4 a5 24.Qd2 axb4 25.axb4
Rd8 26.Rd1 exf4 27.gxf4 Nh5
28.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Rxd4 Rxd4
30.Bxd4 Nxf4 31.Bf1 Ne6 32.Nxe6
fxe6 33.b5 Bxe4 34.Bg2 Bxc2
35.Kxc2 Nf5 36.Bf2 Kf7 37.Kf3 e5
38.Bc5 Ke6 39.b6 Kd7 40.Ke4 Nh4
41.Kxe5 Kc6 42.Bf2 Nf3+ 43.Kf4 Nd2
44.Bd4 g6 45.h4 h6 46.Kg4 Ne4
47.Be3 h5+ 48.Kf4 Nd6 49.Kg5 Nc4
50.Bf2 Ne5 51.Bd4 Nf3+ 52.Kxc2
Nxd4 53.Kxh5 Nf3 54.Kg4 Nxh4
55.Kxh4 Kxb6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (55) Kiseleva,S
(2174)-Vlassov,N (2283) Chess.
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⁸³ **7...Bxd2** 8.Bxd2 Qe7
[8...a5 9.Qc2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5
11.Rad1 Qe7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6
Qxf6 14.Qc3 Bf5 15.Rd5 Be4
16.Rd7 Rac8 17.Rfd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3
Nd4 19.Qxa5 Nxf3+ 20.exf3 Qxf3
21.Qxe5 Rfe8 22.Qd5 Qf6 23.b3
Re2 24.Rd8+ Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Qxd8
26.Rxd8+ Kh7 27.Rd7 Rxa2
28.Rxc7 b5 29.c5 Rc2 30.c6 Kg6
31.Kf1 Rc3 32.Rc8 Rxb3 33.c7 Rc3
34.Ke1 b4 35.Kd2 Rc6 36.f4 b3
37.Rb8 Rxc7 38.Rxb3 Rd7+ 39.Ke3
Kf6 40.Kf3 Rd2 41.h4 Rd6 42.g4
Ke7 43.g5 hxc4 44.fxc4 Rd5
45.Re3+ Kf8 46.Kg4 g6 47.Rf3 Kg7
48.Re3 Rd4+ 49.Kg3 Rd6 50.Re4
f6 51.gxf6+ Kxf6 52.Kg4 Rd5
53.Rf4+ Rf5 54.Rb4 Re5 55.Rb6+
Re6 56.Rxe6+ Kxe6 57.Kg5 Kf7
58.h5 gxh5 59.Kxh5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (59)
Siekanska,M (2097)-Pragnya,H
(2002) Chess.com INT 2024]

9.b4 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.Qc2 h6 12.e4
b6 13.c5 dxc5 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Be3
Nfd7 16.Nh4 Na6 17.a3 Rb8 18.Nf5
Qf6 19.f4 exf4 20.gxf4 Nb6 21.Ng3

Qe7 22.e5 Bd7 23.Qe4 Rfe8 24.Rfc1
Na4 25.Bf1 Rb6 26.Bc4 Kh8 27.Ra2
Nb8 28.Rg2 Bh3 29.Bd3 g6 30.Qxa4
Bxg2 31.Kxg2 Nd7 32.Qc2 Nxe5
33.fxe5 Qxe5 34.Bf2 Rb2 35.Qc3
Qxc3 36.Rxc3 1-0 (36) [Lauda,A \(2156\)-
Saioc,D \(2035\) Sebes 2023](#)

⁸⁴ **11.Rd1N**

[[Vorgänger](#): 11.f4 Ng6 12.a3 Ba5
13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.e4 Qc5 15.Qc3
Re8 16.b4 Qh5 17.f5 1-0 [Gurevich,
D \(2468\)-Daroza,E \(2058\) US
Open-113 Vancouver 2012 \(4\)](#)]
11...Qe7 12.h3 Be6 13.Nxe6 Qxe6
14.a3 Bc5 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.b3 Rfe8
17.Be3 Qe7 18.Rd2 Ned7 19.Rad1
Nf8 20.Qf5 Ne6 21.Bf3 Nd4 22.Bxd4
cxd4 23.Rxd4 Qxa3 24.R1d3 Qe7
25.Qa5 g6 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qd2 a5
28.Re3 Qc7 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.e3
Kg7 31.Rd6 Qe7 32.Rd4 Qe5 33.Qd3
Ra8 34.Bd1 Re8 35.Bc2 Re7 36.Qd2
Qc5 37.Rd8 Qe5 38.Rd4 Qc5 39.e4
Re8 40.f4 Ra8 41.e5 Ne8 42.Rd7 b5
43.e6 Ra7 44.exf7 Nf6 45.f8Q+ Kxf8
46.Rd8+ Ne8 47.cxb5 cxb5 48.Be4
Re7 49.Bf3 a4 50.bxa4 bxa4 51.Ra8
a3 52.h4 Re3 53.Qd7 Qc2+ 54.Kh3
Qf2 55.Qd6+ Re7 56.Qf6+ Rf7
57.Qh8+ Ke7 58.Qxe8+ Kf6 59.Qe5#
1-0 (59) [Bensdorp,M \(2237\)-De
Seroux,C \(2075\) Monaco 2024](#)

⁸⁵ **11.Bg5** c6 12.Qa4 Be7 13.Ne5
Ng4 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.Nxg4 Bxg4
16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Bh3 18.Rfe1 g6
19.d5 Qb6 20.Bd3 Rae8 21.Rxe7
Rxe7 22.Qh4 Qxb2 23.Rd1 Qxc3
24.Qxe7 cxd5 25.Qh4 Be6 26.Qf4
Nc6 27.Qd2 Qxd2 28.Rxd2 Kf8 29.f4
Ke7 30.Kf2 Kd6 31.Be2 h5 32.Bf3 b5
33.f5 gxf5 34.Bxh5 a5 35.Be2 b4

36.h4 Ke5 37.Bb5 Ne7 38.Re2+ Kf6
39.Ke3 Ng6 40.Kd4 f4 41.Rf2 Ke7
42.gxf4 Nxh4 43.Kc5 Nf5 44.Kb6 d4
45.Kxa5 b3 46.axb3 Bxb3 47.Kb4 Be6
48.Kc5 Kf6 49.Bd3 Bc8 50.Bxf5 Bxf5
51.Kxd4 Be6 52.Rg2 Bb3 53.Rg5 Bc2
54.Rc5 Bb1 55.Ke3 Bg6 56.Kf3 Bd3
57.Rd5 Bc2 58.Kg4 Bb3 59.Rf5+ Kg6
60.Rg5+ Kf6 61.Rc5 Bd1+ 62.Kh4
Bb3 63.Kg3 Bd1 64.Kf2 Bg4 65.Ke3
Bh3 66.Rc2 Bd7 67.Rc7 Bh3 68.Rc5
Bg2 69.Rc2 Bh3 70.Kf3 Bd7 71.Rc7
Bh3 72.Rc5 Bf1 73.Rc1 Bd3 74.Ke3
Bg6 75.Rc6+ Kf5 76.Ra6 Bh7 77.Kf3
Bg6 78.Ra5+ Kf6 79.Kg4 Bd3 80.f5
Bb1 81.Kf4 Bc2 82.Ra6+ Kg7 83.Kg5
Be4 84.Rb6 Bd3 85.f6+ Kh7 86.Rb3
Bg6 87.Rh3+ Kg8 88.Kf4 Bc2 89.Rh2
Bg6 90.Ke5 1-0 (90) [Mayank,C \(2333\)-
Venkatesh,M \(2428\) Doha 2023](#)

⁸⁶ **6.Qc2** dxc4 7.Qxc4 Qd5 8.Qxd5
exd5 9.a3 Bd6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0
Re8 12.e3 Bf5 13.b3 a5 14.Bb2 Ne7
15.Ne5 c6 16.Rfc1 Ng6 17.Nxg6 Bxg6
18.Bf3 Bd3 19.Bd1 Nd7 20.Bc2 Bxc2
21.Rxc2 f5 22.h4 Nf6 23.Kg2 h6
24.Nf3 Kf7 25.Bc3 Ne4 26.Be1 g5
27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Nd2 Nf6 29.Nf3 g4
30.Nh4 Ke6 31.Rb2 Ne4 32.b4 axb4
33.Bxb4 Ra7 34.Be1 b5 35.Rc2 Rc8
36.Rac1 Ra6 37.Bb4 Bxb4 38.axb4
Nd6 39.Rc5 Nc4 40.Ng6 Ra2 41.Rc3
Kd6 42.Nh4 Rf8 43.Rb3 Re2 44.Ng6
Re8 45.Nh4 Kd7 46.Kg1 Ra8 47.Nxf5
Ra1+ 48.Kg2 Ree1 0-1 (48)
[Vijayakumar,A \(2065\)-Chiku Ratte,
O \(2324\) New Westminster 2024](#)

⁸⁷ **11.a3** a4 12.Qc2 Be7 13.Rfc1
Bd7 14.Rd1 Ra6 15.Rac1 Ne8 16.Ne1
b5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 c5 19.Qd3
Ra7 20.Be4 g6 21.Qe3 Qc8 22.Nf3

Bc6 23.Bb1 Qb7 24.Ng5 Ng7 25.g4
Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Be4 27.Ba2 Bd5
28.Bxd5 exd5 29.e6 Nxe6 30.Qf6 d4
31.Rxc5 Qe4 32.Rxd4 Qxe2 33.Rf4
Qxb2 34.Qxb2 Nxf4 35.Rxb5 Rc7
36.h4 Rfc8 37.Rb8 1-0 (37) Martinez
Reyes,P (2347)-Goldin,R (2288)
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⁸⁸ **5...0-0** 6.Bg2 Rb8 7.0-0 d5
8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7
11.e4 b6 12.Qe2 a5 13.Rfd1 Bb7
14.h4 Re8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.e5 Bf8
17.Ng5 Qe7 18.Ne4 h6 19.h5 Nd8
20.Bf3 f5 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Kg2 f5
23.Nd2 Kh7 24.Re1 Bg7 25.Qd3 Qf7
26.Re2 Qxh5 27.Bxc7 Nf7 28.d5 Bxd5
29.Qxd5 exd5 30.Bxh5 Rxe2 31.Bxe2
Rb7 32.Bf4 Bxc3 33.Rc1 d4 34.Bd3
b5 35.Bxf5+ Kg7 36.Kf1 Kf6 37.Bc2
Ke7 38.Ne4 Bb2 39.Rb1 Bc3 40.Ke2
b4 41.Kd3 Rb6 42.Rh1 Rc6 43.Bb3
Nd8 44.Rxh6 Rxh6 45.Bxh6 Nc6
46.Bf4 Kf8 47.Ba4 Nd8 48.Be5 Nf7
49.Bxd4 Be1 50.f4 Nh6 51.Ke2
1-0 (51) Cheung,J (2010)-Allmann,L
(1852) Rhodes 2024

⁸⁹ **8.e4** e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.c5 Nd7
11.cxd6 cxd6 12.0-0 f5 13.exf5 Nf6
14.Nh4 Nxf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.Qb3
Qd7 17.Nc4 Bh3 18.f3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2
Rac8 20.Rac1 b6 21.Nd2 Rxc1
22.Rxc1 Qf7 23.Rc6 Rd8 24.Nc4
Qxd5 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Nxd6 Qxb3
27.axb3 Nd7 28.b4 a6 29.Ne8 Kf7
30.Nc7 Nb8 31.Kf2 b5 32.Ke3 Ke7
33.Ke4 Kd7 34.Nd5 Nc6 35.f4 exf4
36.gxf4 Kd6 37.h4 g6 38.Nf6 h6
39.Ng4 h5 40.Ne5 Ne7 41.Nf7+ Ke6
42.Ne5 Kd6 43.Nf7+ Kd7 44.Ne5+
Ke6 45.Nxg6 Nc8 46.f5+ Kf6 47.Nf4
Nd6+ 48.Kd5 Kxf5 49.Nxh5 Nc4

50.Ng3+ Kg6 51.b3 Ne3+ 52.Kc5 Nc2
53.h5+ Kg5 54.h6 Kxh6 55.Nf5+ Kg5
56.Nd4 Na1 57.Kb6 Kf4 58.Kxa6 Ke3
59.Ne6 Nxb3 60.Kxb5 Nd2 61.Kc5
Ne4+ 62.Kc6 Nc3 63.Nc7 Kd4
64.Nb5+ Kc4 65.Nxc3 Kxb4
½-½ (65) De Jong,M (2008)-Van
Rootselaar,R (2105) Groningen
2023

⁹⁰ **9.d5** Ne7 10.e4 Nd7 11.b4 h6
12.c5 f5 13.exf5 Nf6 14.Nh4 Nxf5
15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.Nc4 Qd7 17.Ne3 Bh3
18.Rc1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rae8 20.c6
bxc6 21.Rxc6 e4 22.h3 Re5 23.Ng4
Nxg4 24.Qxg4 Qf7 25.Qe2 Rf5
26.Rc2 Qxd5 27.Qc4 R8f7 28.Qxd5
Rxd5 29.Re1 Rd4 30.a3 d5 31.Re3
Rd1 32.Rec3 d4 33.Rxc7 Rxc7
34.Rxc7 d3 35.Rxa7 Ra1 36.Rd7
Rxa3 37.Rd4 Ra1 38.b5 Rb1 39.b6
Kf7 40.b7 Kf6 41.Rxe4 Rxb7 42.Rd4
Rb3 43.Kf3 Ke5 44.Rd7 g5 45.Ke3 h5
46.Rxd3 Rb1 47.Kf3 Rh1 48.Kg2 Ra1
49.Rb3 Ra5 50.Kf3 Kf5 51.g4+ hxg4+
52.hxg4+ Ke5 53.Re3+ Kf6 54.Kg3
Ra4 55.Rf3+ Kg6 56.Rf5 Ra3+ 57.f3
Rb3 58.Ra5 Rc3 59.Ra6+ Kg7 60.Kf2
Rb3 61.Re6 Ra3 62.Rd6 Rb3 63.Ke2
Ra3 64.Rd3 Ra4 65.Ke3 Kf6 66.Rd4
Ra1 67.Rb4 Re1+ 68.Kf2 Ra1 69.Rb5
Ra3 70.Rf5+ Kg6 71.Re5 Rb3 72.Re3
Rb2+ 73.Kg3 Ra2 74.f4 gxf4+ 75.Kxf4
Rf2+ 76.Kg3 Ra2 77.Re6+ Kg5
78.Re5+ Kg6 79.Rb5 Ra4 80.Kh4 Ra1
81.Rb6+ Kg7 82.Kh5 Ra5+ 83.g5 Ra1
84.Rb7+ Kg8 85.Kh6 Rh1+ 86.Kg6
Kf8 87.Rb8+ Ke7 88.Kg7 Rg1 89.g6
Ke6 90.Rb6+ Ke7 91.Kh7 Rh1+
92.Kg8 Rg1 93.g7 Rh1 94.Rb7+ Ke8
95.Rb4 Rh2 96.Re4+ Kd7 97.Kf7 Rf2+
98.Kg6 Rg2+ 99.Kf6 Kd8 100.Re5
Kd7 101.Rg5 Rf2+ 102.Kg6

1-0 (102) Malassagne,I (2090)-De
Seroux,C (2113) Mulhouse 2024

⁹¹ **11.Ne1** Bf5 12.Nc2 Qd7 13.Ne3
Bh3 14.Ncd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Ne7
16.Rc1 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 f5 18.Qb3 Rab8
19.a4 Kh8 20.Kh1 Rf8 21.Ng2 Ng6
22.Nf4 Nxf4 23.gxf4 Rf6 24.Rg1 Qf7
25.Rg5 Rg6 26.Rxg6 hxg6 27.a5 c6
28.Rxc6 Rd8 29.Rc3 Kg8 30.Qc4 Qf6
31.Qc7 Qh4 32.Rg3 Rf8 33.Qxd6 Rf6
34.Qb8+ Kh7 35.Kg2 1-0 (35) Guichard,
P (2357)-De Seroux,C (2113)
Mulhouse 2024

⁹² **11.Nxd4** exd4 12.Qxd4 0-0 13.e3
Bd7 14.0-0 c5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Rac1
c5 17.Qc3 Rab8 18.Rfd1 Rb6 19.b3
h5 20.h4 Be6 21.Rd2 Rd8 22.Bf3 g6
23.Rcd1 Kh7 24.Bd5 Bf5 25.e4 Bg4
26.Re1 f6 27.Re3 Be6 28.f4 Re8
29.Rde2 Bg4 30.Re1 Qd8 31.Rd3
Qe7 32.Qd2 Rbb8 33.Rde3 Rbd8
34.Qc3 Rf8 35.Bc4 Kh6 36.Qd2 Kh7
37.Rd3 Rfe8 38.Rde3 Rf8 39.Bd5
Qd7 40.f5 g5 41.Be6 Qg7 42.Kh2
gxh4 43.gxh4 Rb8 44.Rd3 Rfd8 45.a3
d5 46.exd5 Qc7+ 47.d6 Rxd6 48.Rxd6
Rd8 49.Bd7 Rxd7 50.Ree6 Rf7
51.Qd5 c4 52.Qxc4 Qb8 53.Qd3 a5
54.Qg3 Qc8 55.Rc6 Qd7 56.Red6
Qe7 57.Rd2 Rg7 58.Re6 Qxa3
59.Rxf6 Qe7 60.Re6 Qb4 61.Qe3
Qb8+ 62.Red6 Bxf5 63.Qh6+ Kg8
64.Qf4 Bd7 65.Rg2 Bg4 66.Qg3 Qf8
67.Rd5 Qe7 68.Rxa5 Kh7 69.Re5
Qd7 70.b4 Rg6 71.Rc5 Rg7 72.b5
Qb7 73.Re5 Rg6 74.Rc5 Rg7 75.b6
Qxb6 76.Rxh5+ Kg8 77.Rf5 Qh6
78.Ra5 Qf6 79.Ra8+ Kh7 80.Qd3+
Bf5 81.Rxg7+ Kxg7 82.Ra7+ Kh8
83.Ra8+ Kh7 84.Ra7+ Kh8 85.Qg3
Qb2+ 86.Kg1 Qd4+ 87.Qf2 Qg4+

88.Kf1 Qd1+ 89.Qe1 Qf3+ 90.Qf2
Qd1+ 91.Kg2 Qg4+ 92.Qg3 Qe2+
93.Kg1 Qd1+ 94.Kh2 Qd2+ 95.Qg2
Qf4+ 96.Kg1 Qd4+ 97.Qf2 Qd1+
98.Kh2 Qd6+ 99.Kg2 Qc6+ 100.Kg1
Qg6+ 101.Kf1 Bh3+ 102.Ke1 Qe4+
103.Kd2 Bf5 104.Qe3 Qg2+ 105.Kc3
Qc6+ 106.Kb2 Qc2+ 107.Ka3 Qd3+
108.Qxd3 Bxd3 109.Kb4 Be4 110.Kc5
Bc2 111.Kd6 Bd3 112.Ke5 Bc2
113.Kf6 Bd3 114.Kg5 Bc4 115.Kh6
Bb3 116.Rh7+ Kg8 117.Rb7 Bc2
118.Rb8+ Kf7 119.Rb2 Bd3 120.Rg2
Kf8 121.Rg5 Kf7 122.Rg7+ Kf8
123.Rg3 Bc2 124.Rc3 Be4 125.Rc4
Bd3 126.Rg4 Kf7 127.Rg2 Kf8
128.Rg7 Bc2 129.Rg5 Kf7 130.Rc5
Bd3 131.Rd5 Bc2 132.Rd4 Kg8
133.Rc4 Bd3 134.Rc3 Be4 135.Rg3+
Kh8 136.Re3 Bd5 137.Re7 Bb3
138.Rb7 Bc4 139.Rc7 Ba2 140.Rb7
Bc4 141.Rh7+ Kg8 142.Rc7 Bd3
143.Rc8+ Kf7 144.Rc3 Be4 145.Rg3
Bc2 146.Rg1 Bd3 147.Rg2 Kf8
148.Rg7 Bc2 149.Rg5 Kf7 150.Rg2
Bd3 151.Kh5 Be4 152.Rg5 Bf3+
153.Kh6 Be4 154.Rg7+ Kf8 155.Rg4
Bd3 156.Rg3 Bc2 157.Rg7 Bd3
158.Rd7 Bf5 159.Rd5 ½-½ (159)
Zemach,N (2384)-Kulon,K (2415)
Dortmund 2024

⁹³ **6.Nc3** Bxc3
[6...0-0 7.Bg2 Na5 8.b3 b6 9.0-0
Bb7 10.Qc2 Rac8 11.Rfe1
has lost popularity (11.Rfd1).
verliert an Beliebtheit (11.Tfd1). c5
12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.e4 Ng4 14.Re2
Nc6 15.e5 f6 16.exf6 Qxf6 17.Bg5
Qf7 **18.Bf4N** (Vorgänger: 18.Ne4
Nd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Rf1 Qh5
21.h4 Ne5 22.Rd1 Bxe4 23.Qxe4
Rxf2 24.Rxd4 Rxe2 0-1 Tunik,G

(2474)-Lavrov,A (2352) RUS-chT2
Korolev 1999 (3)) 18...Nb4 19.Qd2
Qh5 20.a3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxh2+
22.Kf1 Nd3 23.Qxd3 Bxf2 24.Rea2
Qh3+ 25.Bg2 1-0 (25) Zhang,X
(2189)-Chernov,V (2266) Baden-
Baden 2024]

7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 Qb4
10.Qxb4

[10.Rc1 Qxc3+ 11.Rxc3 d6 12.Bg2
0-0 13.c5 d5 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rb1
Ne7 16.b4 Bb5 17.Bf1 Rfd8 18.e3
a6 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 b5 21.a4
Nc6 22.Ra3 f6 23.Ne1 e5 24.Rba1
Rab8 25.axb5 Rxb5 26.Rxa6 Nxb4
27.Ra7 Rc8 28.Rb1 Nc6 29.Rxb5
Nxa7 30.Rb7 Nc6 31.Nc2 Kf8
32.Kf1 Ke7 33.e4 Nd8 34.Ra7 Ke6
35.Nb4 exd4 36.Nxd5 Ke5 37.f3 d3
38.Ra4 Nb7 39.Rc4 Ra8 40.f4+
1-0 (40) Nomindalai,T (2189)-Labrovic,
J (1993) Split 2024]

10...Nxb4 11.Kd2 b6 12.a3 Nc6
13.Bg2 Bb7 14.Kc3 Ne7 15.Ne1 Bxg2
16.Nxg2 d6 17.Rhd1 Kd7 18.Nf4 g6
19.b3 a5 20.e4 Rhb8 21.a4 Rd8
22.Rd3 Nc6 23.Ne2 e5 24.f4 Nb4
25.Rd2 exd4+ 26.Nxd4 Re8 27.Re1
Re7 28.e5 Ke8 29.Rde2 dxe5
30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Re2 Re4 32.Rxe4+
Kd7 33.Re5 f6 34.c5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (34)

Piliposyan,R (2367)-Delgado
Ramirez,N (2489) Sharjah 2024

⁹⁴ **6...Ne4** 7.a3 Nxd2 8.Nbxd2
Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d6 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 e5
12.d5 Nd8 13.Qc3 b6 14.b4 Nb7
15.Nd2 Bd7 16.f4 f6 17.f5 Rfc8 18.g4
a5 19.b5 Nc5 20.Nb3 Nb7 21.a4 Kh8
22.Ra2 Rg8 23.Raf2 g6 24.Kh1 gxf5
25.gxf5 Rg5 26.Bf3 Rag8 27.Rg2 Qg7
28.Rfg1 Qh6 29.Qd2 Rxd2 30.Rxd2
Qh3 31.Rxd2+ Kxd2 32.Qg2+ Qxg2+

33.Kxd2 Be8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (33) Manteiga,F
(2021)-Errazola,M (1871)
Montevideo 2024

⁹⁵ **7.Qxd2** Ne4 8.Qc2 Qb4+ 9.Nc3
Nxc3 10.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 11.bxc3 d6
12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Rb1 b6 14.c5 dxc5
15.dxc5 Ke7 16.e3 h5 17.h4 Rac8
18.Ke2 Na5 19.Rhc1 Bc6 20.Bxc6
Nxc6 21.Nb3 e5 22.c4 Nb4 23.a3
Na6 24.Rd1 Rhd8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8
26.cxb6 cxb6 27.c5 bxc5 28.Na5 Rd7
29.Nc4 f6 30.Rb2 Rc7 31.Rb1 Rd7
32.Rb2 g6 33.Rb5 Rc7 34.Kd3 Kd7
35.Kc3 Kc6 36.Rb1 Kd7 37.Rd1+ Ke7
38.e4 Nb8 39.Ne3 Rb7 40.Nd5+ Ke6
41.Kc4 Nc6 42.Kxc5 Nd4 43.Rd3 a5
44.f4 a4 45.Rd2 Rb5+ 46.Kc4 Rb3
47.fxe5 fxe5 48.Rf2 Rxa3 49.Rf6+
Kd7 50.Rxd6 Ra2 51.Ra6 Rc2+
52.Kd3 Rg2 53.Rxa4 Rxd3+ 54.Kc4
Rg4 55.Nf6+ Ke6 56.Nxd6 hxd6
57.Ra6+ Kf7 58.Kd5 g3 59.Ra3 Ne2
60.Re3 g2 61.Rxe2 g1Q 62.Kxe5
Qg3+ 63.Kd4 Ke6 64.Ra2 Qg1+
65.Kc3 Qe1+ 66.Kd3 Qd1+ 67.Rd2
Qb3+ 68.Ke2 Ke5 69.Rd3 Qc2+
70.Rd2 Qc4+ 71.Kf2 Qc3 72.Re2 Kf4
73.e5 Qf3+ 74.Ke1 Qc3+ 75.Kd1 Kf3
76.Rd2 Ke3 77.Re2+ Kd3 78.Ra2
Qb3+ 79.Ke1 Qxa2 0-1 (79) Kavyev,R
(2297)-Goldin,R (2323) Chess.com
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⁹⁶ **8...a5** 9.Rc1 e5 10.e3 0-0 11.Qc2
Re8 12.d5 Nb4 13.Qb1 Na6 14.b3
Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nc5 17.a3 a4
18.b4 Nb3 19.Rcd1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4
21.Rxd4 Qe5 22.Rfd1 h5 23.Qc2 b6
24.c5 bxc5 25.bxc5 Ra5 26.cxd6 cxd6
27.Rxa4 Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.Rd4
Qc5 30.Qxc5 dxc5 31.Rc4 Ra8 32.a4
Kf8 33.Bxe4 Nxe4 34.Rxe4 g6 35.Kf1

Rb8 36.Rc4 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 Ra1 38.Kd3 Ke7 39.g4 hxg4 40.hxg4 Kd6 41.Rf4 Ke6 42.g5 Rg1 43.Kc4 Rxc5 44.a5 Rg1 45.Kxc5 Ra1 46.Kb5 g5 47.Ra4 Rb1+ 48.Kc6 Rc1+ 49.Kb7 Rb1+ 50.Kc6 Rc1+ 51.Kb5 Rc2 52.a6 Kd5
 1-0 (52) Lajthajm,B (2318)-Soltanici, R (2319) Cluj 2024

8...e5 9.d5 Nb8 10.Ne1 0-0 11.e4 c6 12.Nd3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Rc1 Na6 15.Nc4 Bb5 16.a4 Bxc4 17.Rxc4 Rfc8 18.Qc2 Rxc4 19.Qxc4 Qc7 20.Qxc7 Nxc7 21.Rc1 Nfe8 22.b4 Kf8 23.b5 Ke7 24.f4 f6 25.Kf2 Kd8 26.Ke3 Rb8 27.h4 Na8 28.a5 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8 30.Bh3+ Kd8 31.Nb2 Nac7 32.Bf1 Ke7 33.b6 axb6 34.axb6 Na8 35.Nc4 g6 36.g4 exf4+ 37.Kxf4 g5+ 38.hxg5 fxg5+ 39.Kxg5 Nf6 40.Bd3 Nd7 41.Kh6 Naxb6 42.Nxb6 Nxb6 43.Kxh7 Kf6 44.Kh6 Nd7 45.g5+ Ke5 46.g6 Nf6 47.Kg5 Ng8 48.g7 Kd4 49.Bb1 b5 50.Kf5 b4 51.Ke6 Kc5 52.e5 dxe5 53.d6 1-0 (53) Mizzi,J (2043)-Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

⁹⁷ **11.b4** c6 12.Qe2 cxd5 13.cxd5 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 Na6 17.Qb5 Qc7 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.Qc4 Rc8 20.Qxc7 Rxc7 21.Ne1 Kf8 22.f4 exf4 23.gxf4 Nh5 24.e5 Nxf4 25.exd6 Rc3 26.Ne4 Rc4 27.Nc5 Nxc5 28.bxc5 Rxc5 29.Rxb7 Ke8 30.Be4 f5 31.Rb8+ Rc8 32.Rb4 Nh3+ 33.Kg2 fxe4 34.Rxe4+ Kd8 35.Re7 Nf4+ 36.Kf3 Nh5 37.Nd3 Rc3 38.Ke4 Be8 39.Kd4 Rc2 40.Nc5 Rxc5 41.Kxc5 h6 42.Ra7 g5 43.Kb6 Nf6 44.Ra8+ Kd7 45.Ra7+ Kxd6 46.Rg7 Nxd5+
 0-1 (46) Ljubarov,M (2333)-Vlassov, N (2299) Chess.com INT 2024

⁹⁸ **7.Nbxd2** d6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.e3 Rd8 12.Qc2 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nh4 Be2 15.Rfe1 Bd3 16.Qc3 e4 17.Nf5 Qe6 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.exd4 c6 20.Re3 Qd7 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxd3 Nf6 23.Ne4 Qxd4 24.Qxd4 Rxd4 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.c5 Rad8 27.Rae1 Kf8 28.Kg2 a5 29.Re7 R4d7 30.R7e4 Rd2 31.b4 a4 32.b5 cxb5 33.Rb1 R8d5 34.Rxb5 Rf5 35.Rf4 Rxf4 36.gxf4 Rd3 37.Rxb7 Rxa3 38.c6 Rc3 39.c7 Kg7 40.Ra7 a3 41.Rxa3 Rxc7 42.Kg3 Kg6 43.Ra6 Rc3+ 44.f3 Rc1 45.Rb6 Rd1 46.Ra6 Re1 47.Rb6 Re6 48.Rb5 Re2 49.Rb6 Re8 50.Rc6 Rg8 51.Rc5 Kh6+ 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.Rc6 Kg6 54.Rc5 Rh8 55.Kg3 h6 56.Rb5 Rd8 57.Rc5 Rd1 58.Rb5 Rg1+ 59.Kf2 Rh1 60.Kg2 Ra1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (60) Skarphedinsson,I (1989)-Harsh,S (2370) Montesilvano 2023

⁹⁹ **11.Nc3** a5 12.e4 Na6 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Nd2 c6 15.Rab1 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 cxd5 17.exd5 b5 18.b3 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Nd1 Nc5 21.Ne3 Ra3 22.Qd1 Rca8 23.Nc2 Bf5 24.Nxa3 bxa3 25.Ra1 Nd3 26.Rc3 Qa7 27.c5 Nxc5 28.Qf3 Nce4 29.Nxe4 Bxe4 30.Qe3 Qxe3 31.Rxe3 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Nxd5 33.Rd3 Nb4 34.Rxd6 a2 35.Rd2 g6 36.Kf3 Kg7 37.g4 Kf6 38.h4 h6 39.Ke3 Ra3 40.Rb2 Ke6 41.Kd2 Ra8 42.Kc3 Nd5+ 43.Kc4 Rc8+ 44.Kb5 Rb8+ 45.Kc5 Nb4 46.Kc4 e4 47.Re2 Ke5 48.Rae1 f5 49.gxf5 gxf5 50.f3 Nd3 51.Ra1 Rc8+ 52.Kb5 Nc1 53.Re1 Nxb3 54.Rxa2 Nd4+ 55.Kb6 Nxf3 56.Rb1 Kf4 57.Rab2 Rg8 58.Kb7 Rg4 59.Rb5 Rxh4 60.Rb6 Rh5 61.Rf6 e3 62.Rb4+ Kg3 63.Re6 Kf2 64.Rb2+ Nd2 65.Rb3 f4 0-1 (65) Mammadzada, G (2436)-Klugin,K (2413) Chess.

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¹⁰⁰ **6...d5** 7.Qc1 0-0 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Bf4 a4 10.Rd1 f5 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.a3 Be7 15.Be3 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 g5 17.c5 f4 18.Bd4 Be8 19.Bh3 Qd7 20.gxf4 Rxf4 21.Qg3 Bg6 22.Be3 Rh4 23.Rac1 h6 24.Rd4 Rxd4 25.Bxd4 Rf8 26.Qg4 Bf5 27.Qh5 Kh7 28.Rc3 Bg6 29.Qg4 Rf4 30.Qxe6 Qxe6 31.Bxe6 Rxd4 32.Bc8 Re4 33.Bxb7 Be8 0-1 (33) [Sernecki,F \(2372\)-Malinowski,S \(2016\) Polanica Zdroj 2024](#)

¹⁰¹ **7...0-0** 8.Bg5 a4 9.a3 Ba5 10.Qxa4 Bd7 11.Qc2 e5 12.d5 Ne7 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 f5 15.Nh4 e4 16.Bh3 Qc8 17.Qc1 Ng6 18.Kh1 f4 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.Ng5 fxc3 23.hxc3 Kg7 24.Ne6+ Kf7 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Kg2 Bb6 27.Qh6 Bd4 28.Rh1 Qe7 29.Qf4 Qxe2 30.Qxd4 1-0 (30) [Tan,Z \(2521\)-Rakshitta,R \(2245\) Samarkand 2023](#)

¹⁰² **8.dxe5** dxe5 9.Nc3 0-0 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Bg4 13.Rfe1 h6 14.Nh4 Qe6 15.f3 g5 16.Ng6 Rfe8 17.fxc4 Kg7 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Nxe5 Qc5+ 20.e3 Rxe5 21.Bd4 Qe7 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Qf5 Qxb2 24.Rf1 Ra6 25.a4 Re6 26.Rab1 Qc3 27.Rxb7 Qxc4 28.Qxa5 Qe2 29.Qxc7 Qxe3+ 30.Rf2 Qe1+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Rf3 Qe2+ 33.Kh3 Qxf3 34.Qxf7+ Kh8 35.Qg7# 1-0 (35) [Lobanov,S \(2502\)-Vlassov,N \(2299\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

¹⁰³ **Vorgänger: 8...Bxd2** 9.Qxd2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Re8

13.f4 exd4 14.exd4 Nd7 1-0 [Dardha,D \(2604\)-Baselmans,L \(2263\) BEL-chT 2223 2022 \(1.1\)](#)

¹⁰⁴ **11.Qxd2** 0-0 12.Nc3 Re8 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bg2 Rad8 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Nb4 18.a3 Na6 19.Qxa5 Rc8 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.b4 Nb8 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.Qxc7 Qb2 24.Qxd6 Qxa3 25.Qb6 Qb3 26.Bf3 Nd7 27.Qb5 Rd8 28.d6 b6 29.Kg2 Kh8 30.Rd4 f6 31.Bc6 Ne5 32.Qxb6 Nxc6 33.Qxc6 1-0 (33) [Deac,B \(2690\)-Vlassov,N \(2299\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

¹⁰⁵ **4...Bb4+** 5.Nbd2 [5.Nc3 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 (7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Bd3 e5 11.Nd2 Qg5 12.0-0 f5 13.d5 Ne7 14.e4 f4 15.f3 b6 16.a4 a5 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.Bc2 Kf7 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.Rg1 g5 21.g3 h5 22.g4 Rh8 23.Rg2 hxc4 24.fxc4 Rh3 25.Nf3 Rh8 26.Rf1 Ng6 27.Bd1 Nh4 28.Nxh4 R8xh4 29.Rf3 Rxf3 30.Qxf3 Qh6 31.Qf1 Rh3 32.Rf2 Rxc3 33.Rf3 Rc1 34.Rh3 Rxd1 35.Rxh6 Rxf1+ 36.Kg2 Ra1 37.Rh7+ Ke8 38.Rh8+ Ke7 39.Rh7+ Kd8 40.Rh8+ Be8 0-1 (40) [Radzko,T \(1521\)-Mullyaminova,S \(1736\) St Petersburg 2024](#)) 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne4 Qe7 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bb6 13.Rc1 f5 14.Ned2 e5 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Ba7 17.e4 f4 18.Qb3+ Kh8 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.Be2 Rad8 21.h3 Bh5 22.Nc4 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Nd4 24.Qc3 b5 25.Na5 c6 26.Nb3 Nxb3 27.Qxb3 Bb8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rd1 Rd4 30.Kf1 a5 31.Ke2 a4 32.Qc2 g5 33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Bg4 Be5 35.Kd3 Qf7 36.f3 Kg7 37.Bf5 Kf6

38.Kd2 Qb3 39.Bd7 Qe3+ 40.Kd1
Qg1+ 41.Kd2 Qxg2+ 42.Kc1 Qxf3
43.Qa2 Qf1+ 44.Kc2 Qe2+ 45.Kb1
Qd1+ 0-1 (45) [Zaupa,J \(1610\)-
Antoniacci,R \(1796\) Arco 2024](#)]

5...h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.e3 d5
9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Nxc3 11.hxc3
Qf6 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.Nxf3 f6 14.Rc1
Bd7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rc5 b6 17.Rc3
0-0-0 18.Bd3 Kb7 19.0-0 Ne7 20.Rfc1
c6 21.b4 a6 22.a4 Rc8 23.a5 b5
24.Nd2 Kc7 25.e4 Kd6 26.Re1 Rcf8
27.e5+ fxe5 28.dxe5+ Kc7 29.Nb3 h5
30.Nd4 Rh6 31.e6 Bc8 32.Rec1 Bb7
33.Be2 h4 34.Rf3 Rxf3 35.gxf3 Kd6
36.Kg2 Bc8 37.Bd3 Bxe6 38.Re1 Bd7
39.Nb3 Rf6 40.Re3 Bc8 41.Bc2 Re6
42.Rc3 Re1 43.Re3 h3+ 44.Kh2 Rxe3
45.fxe3 g4 46.fxc4 Bxc4 47.Nc5 Bc8
48.g4 d4 49.e4 Ke5 50.Kxh3 d3
51.Nxd3+ Kxe4 52.Kg3 Kd4
0-1 (52) [Cicovacki,P \(2182\)-
Djacanin,G \(2147\) Palic 2024](#)

¹⁰⁶ **5.Bxf6** Qxf6 6.Nc3 g5 7.e3 g4
8.Nd2 Rg8 9.a3 d6 10.Qc2 h5
11.Nde4 Qe7 12.d5 Ne5 13.0-0-0 Bg7
14.c5 f5 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Bb5+ Kf8
17.Ng3 a6 18.Be2 Qf7 19.f4 gxf3
20.gxf3 h4 21.f4 hxc3 22.fxe5 g2
23.Rhg1 Bxe5 24.Bf3 exd5 25.Nxd5
Be6 26.Kb1 Rc8 27.Qd2 Rc5 28.Nb4
Rb5 29.Be2 Rb6 30.Nd3 Bf6 31.Rc1
Bc4 32.Rc2 Qd5 33.Nb4 Qxd2
34.Rxd2 Bf7 35.Bf3 a5 36.Rdxg2
Rxc2 37.Rxc2 axb4 38.axb4 Rxb4
39.Bd1 Bd5 40.Rf2 Be4+ 41.Kc1 Be5
42.Bg4 Rc4+ 43.Kd1 Ke7 44.Be2 Rb4
45.Bf1 Rxb2 46.Rxb2 Bxb2 47.Bc4
Be5 48.h4 Bc6 49.Be2 b5 50.h5 b4
51.Kc2 Bd5 52.Bd3 b3+ 53.Kb1 Kf6
54.Be2 Be4+ 55.Kc1 b2+ 56.Kd2 b1Q
57.h6 Qb2+ 58.Ke1 Bg3+ 59.Kf1 Bf3

60.h7 Qxe2+ 61.Kg1 Qf2# 0-1 (61)
[Parra Gomez,A \(2208\)-Yeletsy,I
\(2504\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)

¹⁰⁷ **8.Qc2** d5 9.e3 h5 10.h4
[10.cxd5 exd5 11.h4 g4 12.Ne5
Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nxc3 14.fxc3 Nxe5
15.dxe5 Qe7 16.c4 Qxe5 17.Rd1
Qxc3+ 18.Qf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kxf2 dxc4
20.Bxc4 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Rc1
0-0-0 23.Rc2 Rhf8+ 24.Kg3 Rd3
25.Re1 b6 26.Rc6 Kd7 27.Rc4 c5
28.Ra4 a5 29.Re4 b5 30.Rc1 Kd6
31.Rb1 Kd5 32.Rf4 Rxe3+
0-1 (32) [Yushko,O \(2088\)-Vlassov,N
\(2299\) Chess.com INT 2024](#)]

10...g4 11.Ng5 Nxc3 12.fxc3 Be7
13.Nh7 Nb4 14.Qb1 c5 15.a3 Nc6
16.dxc5 d4 17.exd4 Qxd4 18.Nb5
Qe3+ 19.Be2 Qxc3+ 20.Kd1 Bxc5
21.Nf6+ Ke7 22.Ne4 Qxc2 23.Rf1
Rd8+ 24.Ke1 Be3 25.Rxf7+ Kxf7
26.Ned6+ Kf8 27.Qg6 Qg3+ 28.Kd1
Rxd6+ 29.Nxd6 Qxd6+ 30.Kc2 Qd2+
31.Kb3 Qxe2 32.Qf6+ Ke8 33.Qg6+
Ke7 34.Qg7+ Kd6 35.Qf8+ Kc7 36.Rf1
Qd3+ 0-1 (36) [Kornyukov,A \(2452\)-
Vlassov,N \(2299\) Chess.com INT
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¹⁰⁸ **11.Ng1** Nxc3
[11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxc3 13.fxc3
Qd6 14.Ne2 dxc4 15.e4 b5 16.e5
Qa3 17.Qd2 Bb7 18.Nf4 0-0-0
19.Qc2 Ne7 20.Be2 Nd5 21.Nxd5
Bxd5 22.0-0 Rd7 23.Rf2 c5 24.dxc5
Qxc5 25.Rcf1 Bc6 26.Kh2 Qxe5
27.Rxf7 Rhd8 28.Rf8 Qe4 29.Qxe4
Bxe4 30.Rxd8+ Kxd8 31.Rf8+ Kc7
32.Rh8 Rd2 33.Bf1 Rxa2 34.Rxh5
Bc6 35.Re5 Kd6 36.Re2 Rxe2
37.Bxe2 Ke5 38.Bxc4 a5 39.Bd1 b4
40.cxb4 axb4 41.g4 b3 42.g5 Be4

43.h5 b2 44.g6 Kf6 0-1 (44) Cruz,W
(2216)-Vlassov,N (2299) Chess.com
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12.fxg3 Bd6 13.Nge2 dxc4 14.Qa4 a6
15.Qxc4 e5 16.Ne4 Be6 17.d5 Bb4+
18.N2c3 f5 19.dxe6 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Qf6
21.Bc4 0-0-0 22.Rf1 Qh6 23.Kf2 Bxc3
24.bxc3 Rd2+ 25.Kg1 Rhd8 26.Rb1
Na5 27.Bxa6 Qxe6 28.Bxb7+ Nxb7
29.Qxb7+ Kd7 30.Rbd1 Ke8 31.Rxd2
Rxd2 32.Qa8+ Kd7 33.Qa4+ Ke7
34.Qe4 Rxa2 35.Qh7+ Kd6 36.Qxh5
Qd5 37.Qh6+ Kc5 38.Qf8+ Kc4
39.Qb4+ Kd3 40.Rd1+ 1-0 Sevan,
Samuel-Vlassov,Nikolai/Titled
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